“When ministry becomes performance, 
then the sanctuary becomes a theater, 
the congregation becomes an audience, 
worship becomes entertainment, 
and man’s applause and approval become the measure of success. 
But when ministry is for the glory of God, 
his presence moves into the sanctuary. 
Even the unsaved visitor will fall down on his face, 
worship God, 
and confess that God is among us.”

Warren and David Wiersbe
10 Power Principles for Christian Service

Worship and Preaching for August
For the month of August, Grace will have one, single service at 10:00 a.m.

AUGUST 5: Rev. Daniel Wood
AUGUST 12: Rev. Daniel Wood
AUGUST 19: Dr. Ann Kaiser Stearns
AUGUST 26: Rev. Amy McCullough

HOMECOMING
Sunday, September 16
All members, past and present, former pastors and friends of Grace 
are invited to “come home”
10:00 a.m. - Worship Celebration
Followed by a Potluck Picnic on the front lawn
The main dish and beverages will be provided; attendees are asked to bring a side dish 
(last names A-M) or a dessert (last names N-Z)

ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND
Saturday, October 6 and Sunday, October 7
Saturday evening: Catered Celebration Dinner in Fellowship Hall - ticketed event
Sunday morning: The Reverend Dr. James C. Howell, guest preacher
Commissioned choral anthem for choir and brass
Reception following with special activity for children
A United Methodist Church?

Following the Coffee Fellowship on Sunday, September 23, the Reconciling Committee will host a light lunch and the viewing of a presentation made at the 2017 Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference concerning the report coming from the Commission on a Way Forward. This is the commission that was created by the Bishops at the General Conference in 2016. The commission’s focus was on homosexuality and the unity of the United Methodist Church.

The commission made three recommendations for the Bishops to consider. The Council of Bishops has now made its recommendation of the ONE CHURCH PLAN. This is what will be considered at the Special General Conference to be held in St. Louis, MO in February 2019.

We encourage you to come to lunch and see this special 45-minute presentation. The United Methodist Church of the future may look very different from what it is today.

SPECIAL GIFTS

We acknowledge with gratitude the following special gifts
in memory of Neva Roth by Ruth M. Colliver

THE MUSIC FUND
to honor David Haile by Marcia Gleckler
in honor of the “Big Birthdays” of Marguerite Stucki and Anna Mae Frederick by Ann Dahl

Welcome to Dane and Megan

Sunday, July 1 was Pastor Daniel (Dane) Wood’s first official day as Grace’s new Associate Pastor.

Mark your calendars now for the kick-off of Rotational Sunday School on September 16 at 10:00 a.m. Children will start the day in Room 26 and move to their rotations with their shepherds. A parent meeting and registration will be on September 9 following the 10:00 a.m. service.

More information to come!
VACATION THEATER SCHOOL

August 20-24
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Join us for a week of drama!
Ages 5 and UP!
Throughout the week we will prepare to put on a play for Friday night. We will work on learning lines, painting and setting the stage, practicing with microphones, and everything that goes on behind the scenes to put on a play, all with time for theater games!
Friday night, the play begins at 6:30. Children will stay all day to prepare. There will be a potluck dinner before the play for families.
Questions or to help out -- Please contact Trisha Wetzelberger or Samantha Southern
trisha@graceunitedmethodist.org
samantha.southern@gmail.com

Duo Pianos at Emory Grove
Many of you will remember the delightful and sometimes hilarious organ and piano concert that Tyler Canonico and his partner, Jordan Markham, gave at Grace Church several years ago. The two musicians will present a joint piano concert at Emory Grace on Thursday evening, August 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the hotel.
Do join us for what promises to be a memorable evening. For further information, call Ann Dahl at 410-235-2320.

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To find happiness, one must concern himself with what he owes the world, not with what the world owes him.

Front lawn of the Church of the Redeemer
5603 N. Charles Street
Sunday, August 26
Pre-K to 5th Grade: 11:15 am to 2:15pm
For 3 years now, this Summer Splash has been a joint summer-ending activity sponsored by Cathedral of Mary Our Queen Grace United Methodist Church and the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer
Bring your friends and a towel!
Food and beverages available for purchase.
Questions: trisha@graceunitedmethodist.org

SERVE THE LORD BY SERVING BREAKFAST

Please join us in mission on Friday, August 3 and Friday, August 17 as we go to Manna House to serve a breakfast meal to start the day for those in need. We will meet at Grace at 7:15 a.m. to carpool to Manna House and be in service until 11:00 a.m. Let us know if you will be able to serve at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b044ea4ad28a3f1-manna or contact Pastor Dane at the office - 410-433-6650, ext 105 or dane@graceunitedmethodist.org.
With reason, respect and dignity

The afternoon of July 1 at Grace United Methodist in Baltimore, we hosted our 4th Annual Patriotic Concert with over 250 people in attendance. Music and Word were presented by the Chancel Choir, brass, timpani and organ. The following were my opening remarks.
– Chris Schroeder [reprinted by request]

For some of us, it seems difficult to be celebrating our Nation these days. With the current political division in Washington and across our nation, with hatred, violence and murder on the rise, as well as recent separation of children from their parents at the border, tensions are high in our communities, on social media, in the news and in our daily lives. It has been difficult for me to chose music and words appropriate for our current state of affairs. I have tried to focus on the good from our history and in our nation. I do hope that you will find meaning in what you hear today.

I encourage us, for just this hour, and hopefully beyond, to take a breath, be at peace, pray and listen, remembering our own gratefulness for this country. We all have our own stories to tell of what America means to us; whether we grew up in the country of the Midwest or were raised in the city here on the East Coast; whether we are White or Black or Asian or Hispanic, Republican or Democrat, conservative or liberal, gay or straight, rich or poor, old or young - we have such diversity; that makes us strong. Life would be boring if we all looked the same, thought the same or acted the same. In these differences, we each have a story to tell about our life here in these United States of America.

Perhaps you or others in your family have served our country in the military - we will acknowledge that legacy with an Armed Forces salute. Perhaps your family came to America years ago or even more recently, to find freedom and a better way of life. The words of Maya Angelou may speak to your unique experiences. For those of you who are African-American, you have your tragic stories to tell of prejudice and difficulty - hearing the words of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once again, may give you comfort and hope for your future and ours.

So again, I encourage you to breathe deep, pray for peace, listen to one another, leave judgment behind - praying that God will heal us and help us to love one another as His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ has shown us and has asked us to live.

We all know the power of music - how it touches our hearts and our lives; that is why we are here today. Music can transcend our human frailties and failures and can open our hearts and minds to new thoughts and new ways of seeing things.

I recently heard an interview of Otis Williams, co-founder and sole survivor of The Temptations, the American Motown singing group from the 1960’s. Otis’ memoirs are the basis of “Ain’t Too Proud” playing at The Kennedy Center in Washington, DC. In the interview, Otis’ story of the group’s experience of being black and performing across the country. He tells the following poignant story:

“We were in Colombia, South Carolina; our first time there in 1964 doing a Motor Town review tour. They had a rope right down the center of the auditorium - whites on one side, blacks on the other. We came back to that same place the following year - no rope. Blacks and whites sitting side by side, high-fiving, enjoying the show. And if it wasn’t for the sweat we were perspiring from dancing and singing, they would’ve seen five guys on stage crying. The power of what music can do.”

May we be so moved by today’s music. In unity, in solidarity, with reason and respect and dignity, we sit side by side, in our diversity and in our want for peace.

Suggested Summer Reading

This summer members of the church staff will be reading Our Strangely Warmed Hearts…Coming Out into God’s Call by Bishop Karen P. Olivia. She is bishop of the Mountain Sky Episcopal Conference and is the first openly lesbian bishop in the United Methodist Church. Before being elected bishop, for eight years she served the fifth largest United Methodist congregation in the United States.

“This book offers a valuable review of the history of the struggle over homosexuality in the nation and the United Methodist Church that should be important to all who are concerned about the issue. The Bishop speaks with personal warmth and eloquence in making the case for an inclusive church and offers an important voice in the conversation about ordination and the future ministry of the church.” – John E. Harnish, former Associate General Secretary, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church.

As a Reconciling Congregation, Grace members might find this a helpful resource to understanding the issues that LGBTQ members face within the United Methodist Church. The book is published by Abingdon Press and is available online from Cokesbury.com.
### Happy Birthday!

Hearty congratulations to those of our Grace family celebrating birthdays in August:

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Please note a change of book selection for the August 13 meeting and find a copy of *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly to read. The group will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor and all are invited to join the discussion.

For September 10th the book will be *Breakfast With Buddha* by Roland Merullo.

Always keep your words soft and sweet just in case you have to eat them.

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### Within the Family at Grace

**DEATH**

Neva Irene (Mrs. Raymond L.) Roth  
June 25, 2018

**BAPTISM**

Ella Grace Tarbert  
daughter of Colin and Bonnie Tarbert  
July 8, 2018

On Saturday evening, August 25th, there will be a Grace Church Family Night at the Stoneleigh Pool, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. All Grace family and friends are invited for an evening that will include dinner, conversation, swimming and a time to relax by the pool. Grace will provide pizza and drinks, as well as cover the pool’s entrance fee.

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

RSVP: Allison Ferguson at allisonferguson570@gmail.com or 215-498-5492. Stoneleigh Pool is located at 802 Tred Avon Road, Baltimore, MD 21212

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**United to Love:**

a rally for love, peace and justice  
Sunday, August 12  
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
in Washington, DC

August 12 marks the second anniversary of the “Unite the Right” event in Charlottesville, VA which organizers hope to recreate this August in Washington, DC’s Lafayette Square. As a prayerful response and call to action, the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church will host the United to Love: a Rally of love, peace and justice on the grounds of the U.S. Capitol with a rally beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Our Social Justice Committee is making plans to attend the rally and invites anyone who is interested to travel with them that day to Washington to be a witness to love, peace and justice. Anyone interested in attending may speak with Thomas Gaeng, Social Justice Committee chair, or a minister.
Dear Friends,

"Go everywhere and announce the Message of God’s good news." Mark 16:15

It was a glorious March morning as I cycled along the still-quiet streets to Patan Hospital. Having sent the boys off on their new 7am school bus, I was hoping to get an early start to a busy day in my new role of helping the hospital develop nutrition services for patients. The air was filled with birdsong and bright sunshine that quickly dismissed the early morning chill, and the sense of spring in the air was palpable. So strange, I thought, to be surrounded by such light and hope when a shadow had just loomed over our heads. Arriving at the hospital, I was soon busy supervising the preparation of nutrition supplements in the kitchen and checking individual patients who were to receive them on the wards. Nevertheless thoughts kept popping into my head as to what the coming weeks, or even months, might hold for us.

For years, Mark had been aware of a brown patch on his left forearm, often exposed to sun while hanging it out car windows. Recently he had wondered if it was changing colour and one morning in early March decided it had gone dusky red. The next day, between two busy clinics, he had Chief of Surgery Dr. Sanjay remove it, leaving a seven-stitch incision. Dr. Sanjay recommended that the specimen be sent to a private pathologist whom he trusted. Six days later the pathologist phoned Mark with her findings: ‘Lentigo Maligna Melanoma.’ She invited Mark to her office to discuss his report in detail, including the fact that the margins cut around the lesion were not sufficient to be considered safe. She advised that he would definitely need to have it re-excised, and that he needed further specialised tests not available in Nepal to determine the depth and degree of the cancer. . . . The next couple of weeks were a whirl of e-mails and arrangements. Dermatologists have long waiting-lists in the US and it seemed that health facilities in Thailand would not be sufficiently experienced with melanoma. Sending enquiries to U.S. medical colleagues, a long-time friend since college days connected Mark with his friend Dr. Linda Wang, an outstanding dermatologist in Baltimore and an authority on skin cancers. Dr. Wang immediately emailed Mark about his case and reviewed his pathology report, agreeing that he needed to send the specimens to her office as soon as possible and come to the US himself about a week later. . . . A week later, our Nepali church was conducting a ‘Healing Program’ to which we had invited a friend with lung cancer along with her husband. At the end of the service, folks lined up for prayers for healing and the church elders, including Mark, laid hands on them as the chorus sang softly. As the service was winding down, Mark shifted from pray-er to prayee and asked Krishna Kaji to lay hands on him, telling him he needed to travel to the U.S. for surgery on his arm without mentioning the cancer.

That evening, after the empty lunch boxes had been unpacked and the backpacks stowed away in the wardrobe, Mark opened his computer and an e-mail from Dr. Wang arrived with the subject line ‘Good News’. She wrote ‘preliminary wet read is that it is not a melanoma.’ We crowded around the computer screen in astonishment as she questioned the timing of Mark’s flight in relation to when she could confirm the findings. With just 48 hours left before his planned departure, we wondered how quickly clarity could come. But within a couple of hours the full final pathology report from Boston arrived saying ‘Lichenoid Keratosis (no sign of malignancy).’

Just before bed Mark phoned the dermatopathologist in Boston. She was gracious about the Nepal report, saying this was a difficult call for someone not specializing in skin conditions. She herself was highly experienced, had applied stains specific for melanoma (which were all negative), and, just to be complete, had conferred with another pathologist. After his half-hour conversation, Mark was convinced that the matter was resolved for good.

Early on Sunday morning, Mark left the house and headed out into the dark, deserted streets of Patan. The tension of the previous weeks had taken their toll on me, and I continued in deep sleep without noticing his departure. The occasional truck hurtled past as he cycled under a buttery moon descending amidst the streetlamps. Reaching the church, he joined members arriving in ones and twos to take seats around the carpeted hall. Outside, grey light began to reflect off adjacent houses and a bird song through an open window mingled with the first hymn and prayers. It was time to celebrate our Risen Lord.

Sincerely,

Deirdre, Mark, Zachary and Benjamin
School Supplies Collection

Once again this summer, we are collecting school supplies for Baltimore City students and have a second date to assemble the kits - Sunday, August 19th. Please bring your purchase to the church any time before that date. Your donation will fill a great need as the students and teachers look forward to a new academic year. Thank you!

- pencils
- crayons - 16 or 24 pack
- glue sticks
- scissors
- pencil pouch
- folders
- markers
- composition notebooks
- erasers
- pencil sharpeners
- ballpoint pens - black, blue or red ink
- dividers
- 9x12 white construction paper
- sticky notes
- 12x18 colored construction paper
- flash drive
- tissues
- wipes
- hand sanitizer
- paper towels
- dry erase markers
- 3-ring binders - 2"
- mini stapler
- hole punch
- highlighters
- wide-rule filler paper
- colored pencils
- ruler
- index cards
- key or combination lock