Welcome, Rev. Daniel Wood, our new Associate Pastor

Grace Church is delighted to welcome Rev. Daniel Wood as our new Associate Pastor, an appointment that becomes effective as of July 1. He is more familiarly known as Dane, to differentiate him from the other Daniels in his family.

Dane was born in Augusta, GA and grew up across the river in Aiken, SC. He graduated from Clemson University in 2009 with a B.A. in History. His ministry career began in Atlanta, GA where he attended seminary at Candler School of Theology in Emory University. During his time there, he interned at Lawrenceville Road UMC as the youth minister and later as an associate. It was at Emory that Dane met his wife Megan, who was finishing her Ph.D. in Immunology. Dane would go on to serve a two-point charge in Abbeville County, SC at Sharon UMC and Smyrna UMC from 2014-2016. Megan was hired at St. Jude in 2016 and that brought them out to Memphis, TN. Dane served Shiloh UMC in Somerville for a year before moving to Collierville in 2017. Unplanned changes occurred at St. Jude’s and Johns Hopkins offered Megan a research position and that has brought them to Baltimore.

Dane is a huge Clemson Tigers football fan and loves all sports. He enjoys good food, good books, and good time spent with friends and family. When it comes to being a pastor, Dane is passionate about missions, Christian history, and learning how the awesome power of God is practical and life-changing each and every day.

Megan had moved to Baltimore earlier because of her Hopkins position, and after church shopping, fell in love with our Chancel Choir and has been singing with us for several months. A hearty welcome to both Dane and Megan - we are happy to have you here!

**JULY PREACHING AND WORSHIP**

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**LEMONADE FELLOWSHIP**

Do you enjoy meeting and greeting folks on the portico following worship over a cup of cool lemonade and a sweet treat? Please sign up to serve a Sunday or two this summer on the bulletin board outside of the Church Office. There are still many available dates for your signature!

Music at Grace presents its 4th Annual Patriotic Concert

**Sunday, July 1 at 3:00 p.m.**

with the Chancel Choir leading congregational singing accompanied by brass, timpani and organ.

Wear your red, white and blue and celebrate America’s birthday with us!

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

following the concert in Fellowship Hall
SEEKING SOCIAL JUSTICE IN WORD AND SONG

SUNDAY, JULY 22
8:30 and 10:00 a.m. - Worship
11:00 a.m. - Service Projects
12:00 noon - Luncheon by reservation @ $5 - 410-433-6650

As part of our 150th Anniversary Celebration, we are presenting a program in word and song, highlighting church members and community leaders in the Baltimore area who are making a change for those in need. We hope that this celebration will empower all of us to serve others, finding justice for all in need. Social Justice covers many areas of concern: civil and human rights, LGBTQ rights and protection, economic justice, environmental issues, health and wholeness, women and children, and many other issues. Following worship we will begin with a "service day" (similar to the successful one we had in April) that will take place in the Church Council Room. A luncheon on Fellowship Hall will follow with the “Seeking Social Justice in Word and Song” program beginning at 1:00 p.m. The program will last about one hour. Please mark your calendars now to attend this informative and empowering event!

Among the speakers:

Marie McSweeney Anderson, Assistant Director - York Road Initiative
Dr. Henry Perry - Global Health and Social Justice: Challenges and Opportunities for Christians
Irene Mabry Moses, Realtor - National Alliance to End Homelessness
Christina Campbell - Living Classrooms

Music by AMPlified (Living Classrooms Singing Group), Chris Schroeder, Mike and Kristen McGuire

Summer Bible study:

Numbers: Learning contentment in a culture of more

Ever felt like there was too much activity in your days? Or too much clutter in your house? Ever looked for a way to fill a God-shaped ache in your heart?

On Fridays during July a group will gather for Bible Study around the theme of contentment. Using the book of Numbers, we will journey with the people of Israel as they were led out of slavery into the wilderness where daily provisions were a daily challenge, and in the process they learned something of their own disgruntled tendencies and their longings for God’s promised land.

The study will begin on Friday, July 6 and meet each Friday through July 27 at 9:30 a.m. Childcare will be available. To sign up, please call the church office - 410-433-6650 or email Rev. Amy McCullough at amy@graceunitedmethodist.org

Rev. Amy’s book published

Rev. Amy McCullough’s book, Her Preaching Body, was released in May and is available on Amazon.com. Look for information in the fall about a reception/book launch where she will speak about the research, the impetus for the study, and read an excerpt from the book.

Congratulations to Rev. Amy on the completion of this major endeavor, a result of her intensive and lengthy dissertation project! Seeing it in print is truly a reward for the effort!
Heartiest congratulations to those of our Grace Family celebrating birthdays in July.

1 Stuart Kahl, Philip Shaw
4 George Hocker, Jr., Janina Stetz, Bobby Yanega, III
5 Madi Casey
6 Ann Dahl, Andrew Pflaum, Christina Rushing
8 Cary Achuff, Catherine Buffington, Walker McSavaney Royce
9 Erin Eisler, Thomas O. Moore
11 Christopher Rinker
12 Caitlyn James, Mary Strobel
13 Michelle Riddle
14 Rowan Ferguson
15 Angie Chobanov
16 Kathleen Bossom, Garrett Charlton, Walter Greenhouse
17 Kris Weidner
18 Brian Kick
20 Kevin Hudson, Ann Martin
21 Justin Graves, Getty Greenman, Amanda Pfeffer
22 Abbey Sinfield, Don Topper
23 Alex Greenwood, Tonya Sapre
24 Cristin Hickey, Jeff Sewell
25 Rory Ferguson, Kittie Simmons
26 Sara Hackley
27 Carol Polk, John Scott III
28 Chris Hayes, Tom Wellener
29 Nancy Cornbrooks, Jenai Paul, Sharon Schillinger, Kristin Simmons
30 Ross Burbage
31 Glenn Rowley, Anna Sinfield

Congratulations to our graduates

REBECCA FRIEDEL earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Towson University, and will be seeking teaching positions for the fall.

FIONA DuPREY, a member of the Youth Choir, graduated the Baltimore School for the Arts and will attend Indiana University in the Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance program.

Also a graduate of the Baltimore School for the Arts and instrumentist with our Youth Choir is SARA BAILEY-EMBERSON who in entering Johns Hopkins University with a Baltimore Scholars Award. Her major is undecided but she will minor in Clarinet.

TRENTIN ALFORD of our Youth Choir graduated the Baltimore School for the Arts and will be taking a gap year before heading to college.

FROM PROUD GRANDPARENTS:

Twin granddaughters of Judy and John Gillan, MADELINE AND ELIZABETH GILLAN, graduated Colleysville Heritage High School in Texas and will enter Texas Tech in Lubbock, TX this fall.

Anne and Larry Griffith report that granddaughter ISABEL GRIFFITH earned a B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania with a career interest in Global Health; and granddaughter ANNA GRIFFITH graduated Dulaney High School and will enter Dartmouth College this fall.

Kitty Allen’s eldest granddaughter, KATIE SCHUMACHER earned her Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln on May 4, being Dr. Schumacher for just a day as she was married to Bryce Arens on May 5.

LOUISA GLECKLER, Marcia Gleckler’s granddaughter, graduated with honors from Hayfield Secondary School in Alexandria, VA on June 8. Louisa received early admission to Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, NC where she will major in Politics and International Affairs with a focus on Russia and Eastern Europe. She’s thrilled she can take her horse along to compete in equestrian programs sponsored by the Demon Deacons.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Kelly and Steve Painter who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 22.
Our celebration keeps on growing -
Make note of the coming events

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
HOMECOMING
All members past and present, former pastors
and friends of Grace are invited!
Worship followed by a Potluck Picnic on the
front lawn of the church
Methodist Church 1951-2017

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6 and
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7
ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND
Saturday evening: Catered Celebration Dinner in
Fellowship Hall - ticketed event
Sunday: single service at 10:00 a.m.
The Reverend Dr. James C. Howell,
guest preacher
Anthem for choir and brass commissioned for the
anniversary
Reception following with special activity for children

Watch for more details about these
celebratory events

Grace Book Club
The lovers of reading will meet
again on Monday, July 9th to talk
about Before We Were Yours by
Lisa Wingate. The book selected
for August reading is Crimes
Against a Book Club by Kathy
Cooperman. The group meets on
second Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in
the parlor. New people are always
welcome. For more information,
you may contact Maureen Danz -
at maur.danz@verizon.net

1984 Preschool Two’s Class
Lois Wellener, far left, and Barbara Cummings, far right,
teachers. Barbara is retiring.
After 30 years of loving service, Barbara
Cummings is retiring as an assistant teacher at Grace
Preschool. She started in 1984 and worked for two
years. After a short break, she returned in 1990,
working mostly in the Two year old class. She had a
special magic with that age child. Around the small
manipulative table, she could get children to concentrate
and focus as they strengthened their analytical, fine
motor and visual skills while working on puzzles and
games.

The Grace staff often referred to her as the
Mayor of Baltimore. She knew so many of our families
and was part of our informal marketing and admissions
team. Director Barbara Blair and the staff extended a
big thank you for Barbara Cummings for her years of
service. If your child worked with Mrs. Cummings and
you would like to send a note of thanks, please leave it
with the Preschool Office or mail it directly to Barbara
at 7333 Yorktowne Drive, 21204.

Within the Family at Grace
BAPTISM
Hadleigh Anne Will
June 3, 2018

Summer Splash
Sunday August 26
at
Church of the Redeemer
Watch for details
Vacation Theatre School
August 20-24
9 a.m. to 3 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 theatre games!
Friday night the play starts at 6:30.
Children will stay all day to prepare. There will be a potluck dinner before the play for families.
Questions? Please contact Trisha Wetzelberger or Samantha Southern:
trisha@graceunitedmethodist.org
samantha.southern@gmail.com

French Organ Marathon celebrates its 20th year
Bruce Eicher (on the right) as Organist and Director of Music began the French Organ Marathon in 1998 to celebrate the arrival of our new and enhanced organ in our beautiful new sanctuary. In its 20 years, 71 different organists have played, many of them appeared several times, and the works of more than 74 different French composers were performed. Bruce’s successor, Chris Schroeder, Minister of Music and Organist (on the left), has carried on the tradition with eight local organists, all members of the Baltimore Chapter AGO appearing on May 20. The AGO provided beverages, fruit, veggies and cookies to sustain the attendees staying for the four hour duration.

Jump Right In
by Susan Baukhages
Grace ran to the edge
Of the neighborhood pool,
And jumped right in–
She could not swim.

Nobody noticed her
Bob and sputter,
Except for her father
Who jumped right in

In his blue Sunday suit,
He sank to the bottom
Before he could reach her–
The neighbors noticed

And they jumped right in
To raise the child
And praise the father
Everyone there was saved by Grace.

Pentecost Procession
James McSavaney’s last Sunday at Grace

Sending you on with God’s Blessings!
The singers in our Sunday School choir received a special “Children’s Choir” pin at the end of the choir season from director Mairin Srygley. Thanks to our young choristers for the joy they bring to worship!