A Grace-filled Past, A God-Shaped Future
Stewardship for 2019
“From the past will come the future... something God alone can see”

The stewardship campaign for 2019 kicks off on October 28th and runs through Commitment Sunday, November 18th. Grace members and friends should receive their stewardship mailing during the coming week. This year we are focusing on several new initiatives at Grace, building from our past to equip ourselves for ministry in the future. Please look for your mailing, read it through and pray about your 2019 giving. Join us for Sunday worship each week, as we reflect on how God’s spirit is guiding Grace. An informational session about the 2019 ministry plans and budget will be held on Sunday, November 11. We hope that every Grace member will make a pledge to our 2019 operating budget. You may pledge online at graceunitedmethodist.org or by returning your pledge card either in worship or to the church office.

November Worship and Preaching
November 4 All Saints Sunday Rev. Amy McCullough preaching
November 11 Pastor Dane Wood preaching
November 18 Stewardship Commitment Sunday Rev. Amy McCullough preaching
November 25 Christ the King Sunday Rev. Amy McCullough preaching

A United Methodist Church and The Way Forward
On Sunday, October 28th at 5:00 p.m. the Reconciling Committee will host the viewing of a presentation made by Rev. Tom Berlin to the 2017 Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference concerning the report coming from the Commission on the Way Forward. This is the commission that was created by the Bishops at the 2016 General Conference. The commission’s focus was on homosexuality and the unity of the United Methodist Church. Rev. Berlin is a member of the Commission on The Way Forward. It made 3 recommendations for the Council on Bishops to consider and the Bishops have recommended the ONE CHURCH PLAN. This will be considered at the special General Conference in St. Louis, MO this coming February.

Please come view this 45-minute presentation and join in the discussion during the serving of a light supper. The video will begin at 5:00 p.m. and our time together should be over by 6:30 p.m. Please contact the church office if you can be with us so that we can plan the dinner. Come see why the United Methodist Church of the future may look very different from what it is today.
Charge Conferences
Sunday, November 4 at 2:00 p.m.
Fellowship Lunch and Ravens-Steelers watching will happen between 1:00 and 2:00 p.m.
Grace is the host church for a cluster charge Conference, so we will be welcoming several other churches from the Baltimore North area to a joint worship and sharing of Resurrection stories, and then breaking out into the church conference meetings.

Within the Family at Grace

DEATH
Raymond Hennighausen
October 1, 2018

GRACE BOOK CLUB
The Grace Book Club next meets on Monday, November 12 at 7:00 in the parlor and will be discussing Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng. All who like to read are welcome.

Men's Breakfast
Tuesday, November 13th at 7:00 a.m.
Panera Bread, 6307 York Road
All men of the church and community are welcome to join us for a time of fellowship and food. Every second Tuesday!

Scout sale deadlines
Boy Scout Troop 612's annual fundraiser to sell navel oranges, pink grapefruit, mandarin oranges, varieties of popcorn and bird seed is rapidly coming to a close. The deadline for popcorn orders is October 30 and for the fruit and birdseed, November 1. You may order online: https://troop-612.trooptrack.com or contact Ken Steuerman at 443-220-1737.

On Sunday, November 11 at 3:00 p.m., students from the Baltimore School for the Arts will once again present OPERA SCENES, directed by our Bass soloist, Robert Cantrell. Come hear these talented students perform favorite scenes from famous operas.
This event has no admission fee but a free will offering will be available. A reception will follow in the Parlor.

Make plans to hear the New Wave Singers, a community of gay, lesbian, bisexual, trans and straight people as they present a Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 2 at 4:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. Tickets are available at the door or by visiting their website at www.newwavesingers.org

THANK YOU
to Marcia Gleckler for her inspiring words that were set to music by Chris Schroeder in an anthem that the Chancel Choir presented at our 150th Anniversary Worship on Sunday, October 7th. It was truly a spectacular weekend and so awe-inspiring! Plans are being made now for the choir to sing the anthem once again on Easter Sunday, April 21st. [The words for “Hallowed and Remembered” appear on the Anniversary pages in this issue.]

HOLIDAY BRASS tickets
Tickets at the discounted price of $22 are available from Kitty Allen, kitty.allen@verizon.net for this popular holiday concert on Tuesday, November 27 at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen.

Baskets will be available for pickup on November 4th, and need to be returned on Sunday, November 18th. The shopping list will be ready when you pick up your basket. Typically we fill 15 baskets for families in need through Roland Park Elementary/Middle School.

Grace Notes holiday deadlines
For issue to be mailed November 26, the deadline is November 10
For the holiday issue to be mailed December 17, the deadline will be November 30
Please plan accordingly!
Backpacks and Manna Bags

John 6:31 “Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

Many people have asked me lately, “Pastor Dane, are we still giving out backpacks of food to local schools?” And the answer is “YES!” However, things are looking a little different now and I want tell you about that.

It is no secret that many children in Baltimore don’t know where their next meal is coming from. There are in fact many children who are also homeless. Trying to get an education, while your stomach is empty, is very hard. I think it is wonderful that for that last few years Grace UMC has reached out to try and provide some food stability to children in need. We don’t see the effects now, but it will make Baltimore schools better, relieve stress on health services, lower crime rates and hopefully produce new leaders for our future. All by giving a young child some food.

We are currently serving 3 schools: Govans Elementary, Walter P. Carter Elementary/Middle, and Turnbridge Public Charter School. These schools have been selected based on proximity to our local neighborhoods and by their needs (Roland Park is being served by St. David’s). We are currently sending out 32 bags of food, but that is expected to grow as the winter sets in and if we add more schools.

Grace Preschool is a big part of this ministry. They have previously handled the bags for Govans, but they have stepped up to do more, desiring their kids to learn about charity and missions. They are preparing all the bags this year! And doing the deliveries! I’m excited as the Associate Pastor to see our missions including the Parents and Children of the Preschool; they are part of our Parish and Outreach, too. This means however that on Sundays, during our fellowship coffee hour, there will be no bags to pack. The program still needs your prayers and support; now you are supporting the Backpack Food and a ministry to our Preschool.

I know many people looked forward to helping with the bags, but no worries -- I have an idea to replace that. Many of you may have seen the new Manna Bags that have been located in the Narthex for the last few months. These bags are designed for you to grab and take out from the church with you. What’s in them?

Food! Who’s’ it for? Those in need you pass on the street. We all see people on the road around Baltimore, but many of us get nervous about giving money. These bags contain nonperishable foods to help a person get through the day. You just hand one out and say “Bless you.”

When we run low on these bags, we will set up tables in the coffee hour with the supplies and pack the bags there. We’ll do this as often as we need to. So if you, the congregation, are taking them out and emptying our basket every week, then we will pack every week.

Both of these programs are great ministries that Grace has been doing for a while now; they are just getting a new look. I pray that they will continue to bear fruit as a ministry of sharing God’s Love. I am thankful for everyone who prays for these ministries, those who help pack, and those who give. We can’t do it without you. If you want to help more in these ministries, contact me by email or at the church office.

Thank you, Pastor Dane Wood
(dane@graceunitedmethodist.org)
“Hallowed and Remembered”
Hallowed and remembered.
This sanctuary. Grace.
A witness: God’s ancient love,
Through the years a place
Of hope, shared grief and joy
Prayers and sacred song
Christ’s holy haven
Where all may belong
One family and beyond
Offering mercy and care
To neighbors in a world
Of chaos and despair.
God’s message of peace
And empowering grace
Open hearts flowing out
Others’ lives to embrace
Welcoming children’s words
Their truths profound and bold
Blends of song and scripture
A light for searching souls.
Hallowed and remembered.
This sanctuary. Grace.

“WITH” is the most important word
Grace = JOY
Grace is not just charity. . .
It is not for us to just to “fix” things,
but to be WITH those hurting, needing. . .
We should be what Jesus wants us to be. . .
Be assured that, and show a world that may no longer believe, that there IS a God. . .

Photos: above: Chris Schroeder with Marcia Gleckler, who created the commissioned anthem for our 150th anniversary;
middle: the Chancel with flower-adorned altar (by David Brock) and the Chancel Choir;
right: The Rev. Dr. James Howell, our guest preacher for this anniversary service.
OUR FAVORITE GRACE THINGS

Sun through the windows on bright Sunday mornings,
Flowers and vestments the altar adorning,
A kid choir and youth choir that know how to sing:
These are a few of our fav’rite Grace things.
Handshakes and greetings and smiles on the faces,
Sopranos and altos and tenors and basses,
Readings and sermons and peace that they bring:
These are a few of our fav’rite Grace things.

When there’s dark times, lonely night times,
when we’re feeling sad,
We simply remember our fav’rite Grace things
and then we don’t feel so bad.

Hymns by Charles Wesley and anthems by Rutter,
Mem’ries of others in prayers that we utter,
Preludes and postludes that give the soul wings:
These are a few of our fav’rite Grace things.

Pancakes for breakfast and great potluck dinners,
Galas and book clubs and talent show winners,
Ways to keep giving without any strings:
These are a few of our fav’rite Grace things.

When there’s good news, when we’re happy,
When there’s joy to share,
We’re glad that we all have our fam’ly at Grace,
Surrounded by friends who care.

As streams to a river came four congregations
Flowing toward justice and peace and salvation;
One with the city through years by the score;
Embracing all with open hearts, minds and doors;
Helping, sharing, healing, bearing
Burdens all might face...
And that’s why we’re all here tonight in this place,
‘Cause our favorite thing – is Grace!

Teri Bickham, soprano, accompanied by Chris Schroeder,
performed “Art is Calling for Me” (the Prima Donna Song”;
“Smoke Gets in Your Eyes” and “You’ll Never Walk Alone” at
the Celebration Dinner – ENCORE! ENCORE!
The Biddle Street catered dinner, coordinated by Andy Trofatter, with flowers by David Brock, decorations by Kelly Jackson, was a festive occasion! Ann Dahl’s creative efforts were on display with posters of photos of our history through the years. Childcare with pizza was offered for the younger set.

The evening’s program, in addition to Teri and Chris, and Jane Benson singing her creative song printed above, included a welcome by Rev. Amy McCullough, a look back at Grace’s history by Burt English and Pastor Dane Wood, George Kahl offering his personal perspective on Growing Up At Grace. Doug Schmidt then spoke on Grace for the World. After all of the commentary on Grace’s past and present, Rev. Amy concluded the evening with a projected view of Grace for the Future. We cannot wait!
Photos: top left - Tom Moore traveling down memory lane via the photo posters at the dinner. Top right - Kitty Allen autographing the new book on the history of Grace on Homecoming Sunday. Middle left - the Handbell Choir leading the processional on Homecoming Sunday. Middle right - Dr. Howell offering the benediction on Anniversary Sunday. Bottom left - Three of the “oldsters” from the Anniversary Committee - Ann Dahl, George Kahl and Kitty Allen, each of whom has been a member at Grace for more than 50 years.
Birthday Greetings

Heartiest congratulations to those of our Grace family celebrating birthdays in November.

1  Ed Frederick, Heather Sharpe
2  Jonathan Howe, Dr. W. Richard Shindle, Joanne Weber
3  Suzanna McCullough, Priscilla Newton
4  Jim Fitzgerald
5  Alice Mack
6  Amanda Friedel, Sam Harris
10 Dr. Susan T. Strahan, Arthur Thompson
11 Jason Bradley, Maureen Danz
12 Carl Armstrong, William White, David Wingate
13 C. William Clark
15 Douglas A’Hern, Sara Mullan
16 Kayley Harris, Lois Klein, Carole McCrory
17 Brady Bayne, Jacob Bissett, Linda English
19 Matthew Green, Helen Mosher
20 Cecelia Adams
22 Francette Boling, M. Lee Starkey
23 Marcos Calderon, Scott Hudson, Downing Kay, Amy Coates Madsen
24 Diane Lesman
25 Elizabeth Adolph, Linda Benson, Barbara Simmons
27 Marina Chobanov, Sheri Gimigliano
28 Jennifer Ward
29 David Jones, III, Betsy Scott

Sunday, November 4

Start your day with Grace and a delicious pancake and sausage breakfast in Fellowship Hall
8:45 - 10:00 a.m.
$5 per adult; $3 per child; $15 per family

From our former clergy

Thank you for much for the invitation to the 150th anniversary of Grace United Methodist. I regret that I will be unable to attend as I now live in Michigan and our schedule will not allow us to come on that date. I wish all of you well as you celebrate this event. May God bless you in your ministry in the years ahead.

Carl B. Rife

Thanks to everyone...that is so nice of all of you....to invite us to the celebration of Grace’s 150 years of being the church in Baltimore. Though we can’t be there physically with you, we will be there rejoicing and thanking God with you for this privilege – in spirit.

Your invitation encouraged us to look back to the years we were in ministry with you (2002-2005), sent there to serve and to learn from seasoned pastor, Dr. Brannan. This, I, MaAn, as your associate pastor, learned well, thanks to everyone’s patience and understanding. My time with you prepared me for my nine years of ministry with the congregation in Annapolis-Eastport UMC, after we left you.

Now in our retirement, we both look back with fondness and gratitude for the opportunity of doing ministry with you, and especially for the relationships we formed, many of which still continue to this day. Congratulations on your anniversary. May God continue to bless you all and bless the work of your hands and hearts.

MaAn (Barcelo) & Vern Renshaw

Left: The Rev. Don Bruce Lowe, Assistant Pastor and Youth Director at Grace, 1963-1966

We were delighted that former clergy - the Rev. Don Bruce Lowe, Rev. Roberta Scoville and Rev. Nancy Webb were able to be with us on Homecoming Sunday for worship and the picnic following and hope that many were able to greet them on this reunion occasion.

“A History of Grace United Methodist Church 1951-2018”

The second printing copies have arrived and are available for sale through the church office at $15 each.
SPECIAL GIFTS

We acknowledge with gratitude the following special gifts

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for the Shepherd’s Clinic
in memory of Sue Wilkerson by
Ed & Anna Mae Frederick

in memory of Ruth Ann Beachler by
Ed & Anna Mae Frederick

Homecoming Sunday!

Rev. Amy
preaching from the balloon-adorned pulpit.
A calorie-laden baked creation of our Grace Church building, served at the Fall Picnic following worship. Lower left: the Davidson family enjoys picnic fare on the lawn.