150 YEARS IN MINISTRY – LET’S CELEBRATE!
Saturday, October 6th
Plan to attend the Anniversary Dinner
6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
Tickets - $50.00 per person - are available on Sunday mornings
and during the week in the Church Office
Childcare will be available onsite

Sunday, October 7th
A single service of worship at 10:00 a.m.

The Reverend Dr. James Howell, Senior Pastor
of Myers Park United Methodist Church in Charlotte, NC
will be our guest preacher.

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A special commissioned anthem, for choir, organ and brass
with text by Marcia Gleckler, will be premiered.

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A reception will follow, with activities for all ages.

PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR REST OF OCTOBER
October 14 - Rev. Amy McCullough
October 21 - Pastor Dane Wood
October 28 - Rev. Amy McCullough
FOR ADULTS

Connectors Class
Meets Sundays at 9 a.m.
Contact: Michelle Riddle  
Email: mriddle13@gmail.com

God’s World and God’s People: The Creation accounts and early interactions of God and God’s people are striking. God simply spoke, and the world came into being. Join this Sunday morning Adult class as we explore this new study from Uniform Series provided by Cokesbury and Abingdon Press. Room 116

Searchers Class
Meets Sundays at 11:30 a.m.
Contact: Jack Danz  
Email: John.danz123@gmail.com

Paths Up the Sacred Mountain: For thousands of year, parables have been great teaching tools. This class will be reading and discussing parables of many faiths. Room 116

Logos Study Group
Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m.
Contact: Amanda Graham  
Email: Amg1865@gmail.com

Formerly known as a Christ in My Life group, this study class reads books of the Bible, commentaries and other spiritual books together. They discuss these readings in an open and relaxed atmosphere, encouraging the exploration and sharing of ideas about faith and life. Parlor

Methodist Fellowship
Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
Contact: Pastor Dane Wood  
Email: Dane@graceunitedmethodist.org

This is a new Fellowship and Study group. No books required, just a willing heart and open mind. We hope to grow this into a regular Wednesday Night Fellowship, Study and Prayer time for congregants of all ages, from children to senior adults. Bible Buzz Room #29 (and hopefully grow into the Fellowship Hall over time!

Knowing God
September Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.
Contact: Rev. Amy McCullough  
Email: Office@graceunitedmethodist.org

Delve more deeply into scripture and reflect upon your faith in this new Women’s Bible Study on the topic “Knowing God,” recognizing that people of faith throughout the centuries have wrestled with questions about God. Room 116.

HARVEST FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Pumpkins - cider - for sale
Fun for the whole family!
Happy Birthday greetings to those of our Grace family celebrating in October:

2 Becky Shaner, Asa Shaw
3 Kent Grasso, Elisabeth Nix, Nancy Webb
4 Zachary Graf
5 Lynn Beachler, Joseph Dandy
6 Darrell Sacks, Elizabeth Shaner
9 Allison Ferguson, Michael Gullett
10 Deb Bidlack, William Fishman, David Garman
11 Claire Greenhouse
12 David Beachler, Jamison Hodges, Charles Plitt III, Susannah L. Sowells
13 Olivia Birkel, Stephen Danz, Buzz Getschel, Josephine Gravestrong, Barbara Starkey
14 Luke McCullough
15 Jeb Cook
16 Donald A’Hern, Sue Houghton
17 Jeanette Cosper, Suzanne Stevens
19 Hollis Houston
20 John Gillan, Chloe Kick, Mandy Martin, Glenn Simmons, Ron Spedalere
21 Barbara Blair, Matias Calderon
22 Matthew Franklin, Jean Smith
23 John Madsen, Erin Millon
25 Carla Hackley
27 Anders Schillinger
28 John Crow, Mike McGuire, Lily Updike
29 Becca Friedel
30 Brandon Bickham, Susan Rice, Beth Vargas
31 James Adams, Susie Guth, Brent Laytham, B. A. Sewell

Tuesday, October 9th - 7:00 a.m.
@Panera Bread
Men of the Church and Community
You are invited to join us on the 2nd Tuesday of each month for a time of fellowship and food. We’ll drink coffee, eat breakfast, and talk about life as a Christian Father, Husband, Brother, and/or Son. We’ll meet at 7 am at the Panera Bread at 6307 York Road. Stop by for a minute as you grab coffee to go, or hang out all morning. Bring a friend or the kids. We look forward to seeing you there.
– Pastor Dane

Baltimore
Voices from the Holy Land
film series 2018

Grace Church is one of several ecumenical supporters of Voices from the Holy Land, a free Sunday film series open to the public which began Sunday, September 23 with “The Stones Cry Out” - the Story of the Palestinian Christians at St. Ignatius Catholic Community.

On September 30 the film will be “Jews Step Forward” which will be shown at 2:30 p.m. at Hinenu: Baltimore Justice Shteibl, 3107 N. Charles Street.

“Open Bethlehem” is the selection for October 7, to be screened at 1:30 p.m. at St. Ignatius Catholic Community, 740 N. Calvert St.

“Gaza in Context/Gaza - a Gaping Wound” is planned for October 14, beginning at 2:30 at the Homewood Friends Meeting, 3107 N. Charles Street.

The final film will be “Occupation of the American Mind” on October 21 at 2:30 p.m. at First & St. Stephen’s UCC, 6915 York Road.

Look for flyers around the church, or you can find additional information online at www.voicesfromtheholyland.org (Look for the Baltimore locations)
A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH and THE WAY FORWARD

In the August Grace Notes, we announced a program to take place after church services on September 23rd. Because of the importance of this issue before the United Methodist Church, Rev. Amy and Pastor Dane requested that we reschedule. This will give us the opportunity to receive the latest information from the General Church and those groups that are working to keep the church united or split over the issue of homosexuality.

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On Sunday, October 28 at 5:00 p.m., the Reconciling Committee will be hosting the viewing of a presentation made by the 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.

The commission has 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 being held in St. Louis, MO in February of 2019.

We encourage you to come and view this special 45-minute presentation that will be followed by a discussion while a light supper is being served. The Ravens are out of town that weekend and the game should be over before our start time. We will begin with the video promptly at 5:00 p.m. and our time together should conclude by 6:30 p.m. Please contact the church office if you plan to be with us so that we might plan the dinner.

Come see why the United Methodist Church of the future may look very different from what it is today.

Within the Family at Grace

DEATHS
Mary Parrish Renner
August 15, 2018

Ruth Ann (Mrs. Lynn) Beachler
September 7, 2018

SPECIAL GIFTS
We acknowledge with gratitude the following special gifts
in memory of Mary Parrish Renner by
Brenda Stone and Dan Watson
Susan S. Griswold

to the Music Fund
in memory of Edith J. Gordon by
David Brock

BOOK CLUB
The book selection for October is Breakfast with Buddha by Roland Merullo. Please join the Grace book group on October 8th at 7 p.m. in the Parlor to share your thoughts about it. They meet on second Mondays to discuss a variety of publications.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT!
A stewardship campaign mailing will soon be on its way, inviting your support of our campaign in support of our 2019 budget.
Gala Donation Scores Bullseye!

While some auction winners sit and eat scrumptious caloric homemade foods or sit in a hot stadium, or anticipate a parade or a boat ride (the list could go on), a team of 6 happy auction winners met for an interactive, healthy, and rewarding afternoon.

On July 27th, five children (and one adult) enjoyed the benefits of their parents’ donation at the Grace Gala. They took a lesson in archery from Coach Walter Greenhouse at the Maryland State Game and Fish Protective Association clubhouse on Honeygo Boulevard. They learned the safety rules, the basic technique for shooting, and the way to safely remove arrows from the target. They then proceeded to shoot a lot of arrows downrange under the watchful eyes of the coaching staff (many thanks to Bob Woods of Vingt-Neuf Archers for volunteering to help out).

Finally, they shot for candy – pop the balloon and win a lollipop. Everybody had a great time, and some might even come out for more training! Could we have a future Olympian at Grace, and could this be a youth group activity?

BOY SCOUT CORNER

Grace’s Boy Scout Troop 612, now in its 65th year, is a boy-led troop with a very active outdoor program with many opportunities for advancement. It meets on Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. and enjoys monthly camping trips.

The Troop kicked off this season with a cookout on September 8 and has already been on several trips. The young men will be going to Hawk Mountain October 12-14.

If you have a canoe that you would like to donate to the group, please contact Steve Danz or Jamie Hardin, 410-978-8426.
Bravo and thanks...
To Robert Dvorkin for his phenomenal performance on Saturday, September 8th as he mesmerized us with his Debussy pieces.
Thanks to all who braved the rain that afternoon to come listen to him! Because of the overwhelming response to his performance, plans are already underway to have him return next year.

Robert played his All-Debussy program, a full hour and a half, from memory, and without a pause. For those in the audience who only knew “Claire de lune” prior to this concert, they were amazed at the variety of passionate music by this composer.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT
The Music at Grace Concert Series is self-supporting and dependent upon the generosity of lovers of music.
We are grateful for your presence and your participation.
Be on the watch for our season brochure!
If you would like to be a Patron for our Concert Series, please return the form below with your donation. The names of all Patrons will appear in the programs for each concert event.

PATRON FORM
I/We would like to be a Patron for the Music at Grace Concert Series for 2018-2019,

NAME: _______________________________________________ EMAIL: ________________________
(Please print name as you wish it to appear in concert programs)

ADDRESS:_____________________________________________________________________________

GIFT AMOUNT: $___________________________________ ENVELOPE NO: ____________________

Please make checks payable to Grace Church and indicate “Music at Grace” on the memo line.

You may mail your check with this form to:
Grace United Methodist Church
5407 North Charles Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21210
“And now you know the rest of the story...”

Meetings of the 150th Anniversary Committee, comprised of newer church members and oldtimers, have been full of creative suggestions as to how we might recognize this significant milestone in the history of Grace Church, now an entity resulting from the mergers of four churches. We have celebrated all year with guest preachers and speakers, a concert, outreach projects, the creation of a Christmas ornament, a take-home gift of a hand-stenciled commemorative brick, and now an updated book, *The History of Grace United Methodist Church 1951-2018*. How did I become the one to write this book? As a committee member and an "oldtimer," I had attended three of the four churches over the years. I have been on the staff of this church since being hired in 1978 by Dr. Van Brunt as the financial clerk, then church secretary, then administrative assistant. Among my duties has been editing *Grace Notes*, a role I still play, so much of the material available to review I had actually written! And so my research began about nine months ago as I scoured vault-dusty collections of church bulletins and newsletters beginning with 1951, the year Grace opened its doors at this location.

I have binders full of notes which I have attempted to collate into some sort of order with chapters on clergy, worship, music, Christian education, mission-outreach, groups, trustees and their projects, and communication. The past is remembered, the present is acknowledged, and the book ends with a hoped for look into the future.

A limited number of books have been published and are available for purchase at $15 per copy. Those who request that a book be mailed to them will be asked to add $5.00 for postage and handling. It has been an interesting and enjoyable trip down memory lane!

- Kitty Allen