

Grace Notes

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MARCH WORSHIP

ASH WEDNESDAY - MARCH 6th, 2019

Three services will be offered this Ash Wednesday - 7:00 a.m., 12 Noon, and 7:00 p.m.

A simple meal will be available following the 7:00 am. and noon services.

The Chancel Choir will sing at the evening service. Rev. Amy McCullough preaching.

All services will be in the Sanctuary.

March 10th - Pastor Dane Wood preaching

March 17th - Rev. Amy McCullough preaching

March 24th - Pastor Dane Wood preaching



ASH WEDNESDAY

“With All Your Heart” Lenten Study Series

In this season of formation and preparation, we again approach the 40 days of Lent from a variety of difference perspectives and points along the Christian journey. New and longtime Christians alike hear the call to return to God with all their hearts, thus entering the season historically characterized by much prayer and fasting. These works of discipline have for hundreds of years served as a means by which new converts prepare for baptism, which occurs as part of the Easter Vigil. Using the words of Wesleyan theology, we believe all this work is initiated by God, who invites us to come before God with all our hearts.

SUNDAYS DURING LENT – 11:15 - 12:15

From Worship to Discipleship

This Lenten study will focus on taking the resources and experiences of our Sunday corporate worship and transforming that into transformational growth as disciples. Each week will deliberately connect the themes and scriptures of our traditional worship to a small group experience where we will learn through conversation with others. Each week will also connect closely with the themes of our *Lenten Art Project*. Pastor Dane Wood will lead this series each Sunday (March 10th through April 14th) following our Sunday Service and Coffee Fellowship. The sessions will take place in the Fellowship Hall upstairs and last 1 hour. No sign-up required; just bring yourself and a Bible.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10 - Reflecting on Scripture through Art

The great stories of salvation lend themselves to artistic reflections, and indeed, many famous artists have ventured into Jesus' passion. We invite you to exercise your artistic sensibilities this Lent through two opportunities for artistic meditations, culminating in a

Grace Art Show during Holy Week.

First Activity: March 10 from 12:15 - 1:00 p.m. - Biz Shaner, Grace member and



Lenten activities, continued

art therapist, will lead a workshop on expressing one's thoughts on scripture through the mediums of paint, color, canvas. The workshop will immediately follow the Sunday Lenten scripture study happening in Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be served, for a small \$5 cost.

Second Art Activity: Sunday, April 7: again, following the scripture study. Grace members and friends will have an opportunity to create art reflections on their own Lenten journeys. We'll supply a variety of art elements - paint, paper, chalk, and more - and you can explore where God has been speaking to you this season. If you so desire, we invite you to add your art to Grace's first Art Show, in which we will hang the artwork along the corridor leading from the Sanctuary to the Parlor during Holy Week.

MIDWEEK LENTEN STUDY

Join Rev. Amy McCullough who will lead a midweek study titled "The Way of Forgiveness" recognizing that forgiveness is a difficult task and one of the holy callings of the Lenten season. This curriculum is designed as a spiritual support group, using daily readings and prayers, and weekly discussions. There are two opportunities for participating in a group.

Group #1: Tuesday mornings, beginning March 12 at 9:00 a.m.

Group #2: Wednesday evenings, beginning March 13, but will meet remotely, through an online video-conferencing. Please indicate your interest in either group by calling the church office or by speaking directly with Rev. McCullough.

Inclement weather policy

In situations where inclement weather might affect church worship services, you will be able to find information in several places. Grace's website and Facebook page will be updated by 7:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. A notice through our E-Notes announcement will also be sent to all those who have signed up for e-notes.

AIDS BENEFIT



“ANYTHING GOES!”

Sunday, March 3 at 1:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars now to attend this popular event that highlights the talents of Grace members and friends and supports Grace's AIDS ministries.

A free will offering will be taken at the event, so no tickets are required.

We hope you will join us for this fun and fund-raising afternoon!



Heartiest birthday greetings to the following of our Church family celebrating in March:

- 2 Nancy Brannan
- 3 Liam Harris, Susan Hodges
- 4 Elizabeth Ottinger
- 5 Douglas Schmidt
- 6 Phoebe Schillinger
- 7 Abbi Wicklein-Bayne
- 8 Kimberly Barnes
- 9 Reinhard Nottrodt
- 10 Norma Faby
- 12 Stephen Achuff, Teri Bickham, Joanie Stetz
- 14 Peggy Ruppensberger, Shannon Schmidt
- 15 John Tydings
- 16 Thom Rinker
- 17 Jim Hackley, Meghan Mullan, W. A. Niermann, Jr., Rachel Rhoad, Mason Wilhide
- 20 Lynn Reichhelm, M. Edward Skinner, III
- 21 Frances Northington
- 22 Linda Cameron
- 23 Rebecca Madsen
- 25 Jeremy Hickey, McCabe Millon
- 26 Jenna Marie Roth
- 27 Abigail Benfer, Christopher Covington, Walter Stuart, Jeffrey S. Underland
- 28 Larry Brown, Bruce Eicher, Marcia Gleckler, Thomas Hicks, Kathie Metz
- 29 Cory Schreier Mian, Linda Siglin
- 30 Alexis Melin
- 31 Valerie Adams, Peggy Rogers, Karen Schaefer



SUMMER MISSION TRIP

Where: Mountains of West Virginia

When: Sunday, July 21st through Saturday, July 27th

Cost: \$325 (Scholarships available upon request)

Who: Anyone age 14 and up

What: We will be working with Appalachian Service Project (ASP) for a week in a relationship ministry with construction on the side. We'll help a family make their home safe, warm and dry while sharing the love of Christ with them and their neighbors. Construction experience is helpful, but not required.

Why: We are called by Christ to reach out to those on the margins. The people we will help are remote, forgotten, and overlooked. We will see them, because God sees them. We will grow as Disciples as we sacrifice for others.

Contact Pastor Dane

(dane@graceunitedmethodist.org) immediately to reserve your spot. **Deadline for signups is March 1st.**

(We may be able to add afterwards, but this is not guaranteed.)

Within the Family at Grace

DEATH

Christian Murray
Husband of Nila and father of Robert and Ian
January 24, 2019

BIRTH

Caroline Grace Thomas
Parents: Kacey and Phil Thomas
Grandparents: Kate and Steve Mullan
Aunts and uncle: Meghan Mullan,
Sara and Pedro Navarro
February 2, 2019

Update on Strategic Planning: Thank you

to every committee that completed the online survey. Our next step is a series of Stakeholders meetings which are more in-depth conversations about the needs and the dreams for the facility, which were happening at the end of February.

Remember the Suggestion Box which is available on Sunday mornings and throughout the week.

Living sacrifices

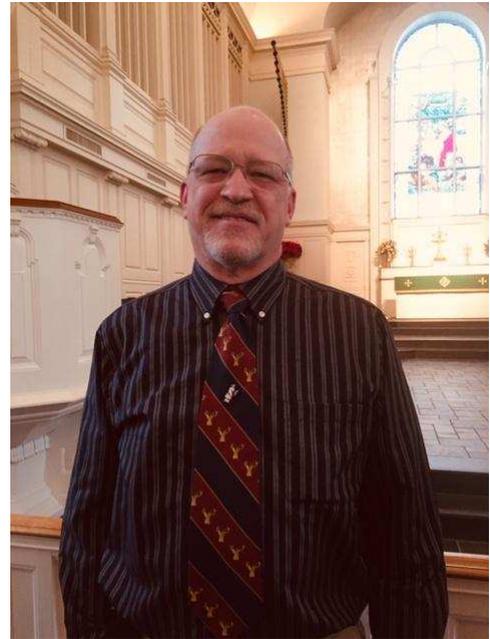
To search our souls, to meditate, will not suffice for Lent. To share the cross, to sacrifice; these are the things God meant.

—Jane McKay Lanning

We welcome our newest members!



Holly Troyer moved to Baltimore from the midwest to work as a nurse in oncology at Johns Hopkins. She is already involved in several mission activities, including our Family Mentor program.



Gregory Ruff was originally from the midwest but has lived in Baltimore for several years. He works in Sterile Processing Education with Medstar Union Memorial and Good Samaritan Hospitals. Greg has joined the Connections Sunday School class.



Bob and Ashley Davidson, parents of Cooper and Luke, live in Stoneleigh. They have transferred to Grace from Old Otterbein UMC



Alverta Conyers has been worshipping regularly with Grace for many years and decided to join as an Associate Member while retaining her membership at Sharp Street UMC.



We are delighted to welcome Emily Seeberger who is working as Communications Coordinator at Grace. Emily is a Baltimore native, a senior at Loyola University Maryland, and a marketing major with a minor in photography.

In her position, she will be focusing primarily upon Grace's website, Facebook page and the TV monitor in the entry area. You may also see her taking pictures on occasional Sundays at worship and special events.

We are excited to welcome Emily into the life of Grace Church as she helps us to tell our story and share our mission and ministries with others.

New entry code policy

During the first week of February, the Trustees completed a project to update the keypad at the glass door entryway. This new installation is an improved system, allowing us to more closely coordinate building access for outside groups and provide a new level of security. With the new system come new codes for all needing access to the church facilities. The church staff has been distributing new codes to committee chairs, choir members and regular volunteers.

Should you require a new code for access to the church other than at times for worship, please contact the church office or speak directly to a minister.

Thank you for your patience as we transition to the new system.



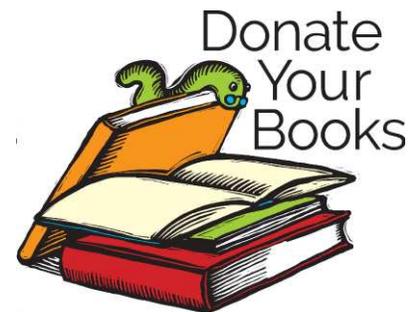
GRACE BOOK CLUB

The weather has interfered with recent planned meetings of the group, but we hope for better weather second Mondays in the future. Come to the parlor at 7:30 p.m. on March 11th to discuss *The President is Missing* by Bill Clinton and James Patterson.

United to Love: A Way Forward

Conference live streamed
Saturday, March 2

Grace will be one of the many hosts of a live-streamed session of prayer and information sharing led by Bishop LaTrelle Easterling following the Special General Conference Session of February 23-26. The live streaming is called "United to Love: A Way Forward." It will be shown from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. You may come and go as your schedule permits. The screening will be held in Fellowship Hall.



Book Drive for Reading Partners *a Lenten mission opportunity*

Grace Church members volunteer weekly through the Reading Partners program at Dallas Nicholas Sr. Elementary School. The program needs early and middle reader books for its students as each student is offered regular opportunities to take a book home to read.

During Lent, there will be a special box in the glass entryway to receive your donations. Should you have any questions, please contact Maureen Danz - maur.danz@verizon.net.



*Daylight Savings
time begins at
2:00 a.m. Sunday,
March 10th*



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 24-28 9:00-12:00 pm

Children age 3 and older

[extended day 12:00-4:00 pm available for an additional cost]

One small step for your kids ... one giant leap for God's Kingdom! Blast off with the first VBS to land on Mars! Cokesbury's *To Mars and Beyond* will help kids discover the wonders of God's universe. They'll become Voyagers on a journey through space, exploring where God's power can take them. Beginning in your Assembly-area - an outpost on Mars - they'll lift off to distant planets on special missions to collect power sources. Along the way, they'll learn how God walked with heroes of the Bible, and that God is always with them, too. Add to the adventure with this out-of-the-world fun, learning, and timeless Bible stories that inspire kids to give glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine.

Wildlife Adventures will return as part of the VBS program again this year! Each day a different animal shares in the Bible experience. Kids have an opportunity to be up close and personal with some of God's amazing creatures!

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Go to <http://graceunitedmethodist.org/kids-grace/vbs/to> register! Contact Trisha Wetzberger with any questions: 410-433-6650, ext.111 or trisha@graceunitedmethodist.org

HERSHEY PARK TICKETS

BEST PRICE AVAILABLE Group Ticket Sales will be **available through Grace until March 25, 2019**. This new and innovative way to save money on tickets for the summer 2019 season replaces the promotion that has been in place for many years. Please plan ahead!

For Summer 2019 Season

\$29.95 (Visiting May 3-July 31) or \$32.95 (Visiting May 3-September 29)
(all ages 3 and up)

The Gate Price (the price of a ticket at the gate without any discount coupons, group sales, etc.) will be \$66.95 plus tax (all ages 3 years and up). There will be no other discounts this year for children ages 3-8 years, Seniors ages 55-70, or Senior Plus. Everyone over the age of 3 years will pay the same rate!

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Pre-Purchase Hershey Park Tickets for the Summer 2019 Season:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail: _____

Number of tickets @ \$29.95 Visiting May 3-July 31 _____ Total: \$ _____

Number of tickets @ \$32.95 Visiting May 3-September 29 _____ Total: \$ _____

Make checks payable to Grace United Methodist Church

The Youth will be going to Hershey Park this Summer. Please plan ahead. If you have any questions, please contact Trisha Wetzberger at trisha@graceunitedmethodist.org or call 410-433-6650, ext. 111

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Music at Grace
Concert Series

“Mikah Meyer’s National Parks Cabaret”

Saturday, March 23
4:00 p.m.
in Fellowship Hall

Free will offering to support Grace’s LGBTQ outreach
Join “Today” Show-featured outdoor

adventurer and National Cathedral countertenor singer, Mikah Meyer for a humorous multimedia cabaret show featuring singing and stories from his nonstop 3-year road trip to all 418 National Park Service sites. Not only is he speaking and singing, but as a gay man who loves the outdoors, Meyer’s goal is to also raise awareness of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues and break a stereotype that a gay man can’t also be an outdoorsman.

“BACH IN BALTIMORE”

Sunday, April 7th at 4:00 p.m.

under the direction of T. Herbert Dimmock, featuring Bach’s cantatas 49 and 84 and Handel’s Organ Concerto Op. 4, No. 4 with Christopher Schroeder, organist.

Tickets: visit www.bachinbaltimore.org

GINGER TURNER AND AMY CHERRY, CORNETS WITH CHRIS SCHROEDER, ORGAN/PIANO

IN RECITAL

Sunday, March 17 - 2:00 p.m.

Grace Church sanctuary

in a program of works by Torelli, Williams, Haydn,
Goëmanne, Copland, McKee and Horovitz

No admission charge

