

# Grace Notes

## Grace United Methodist Church

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--To Act so that God's Love is Felt by All--

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### DECEMBER WORSHIP & PREACHING

#### *"The Hopes and Fears of All the Years"*

##### **December 1 Advent I**

We will remember World AIDS Day\* and  
Global Migration Sunday during worship  
Rev. Amy McCullough preaching

##### **December 8 Advent II**

Pastor Dane Wood preaching

##### **December 15 Advent III**

Rev. Amy McCullough preaching

##### **December 22 Advent IV**

8:30 a.m. - typical service, Rev. Amy McCullough preaching  
10:00 a.m. - Service of Lessons and Carols\*

##### **December 24 Christmas Eve**

4:00 p.m. Family Service  
9:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service

**December 25 Christmas Day** worship at 10:00 a.m.

**December 29** Combined Single Service at 10:00 a.m. - Pastor Dane Wood preaching

[\* more information inside]

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#### **Midweek Advent Services -**

**Wednesdays, December 4, 11 and 18**

#### *Preparing in Christ's Presence*

a service of prayers, readings, reflections and songs around the themes of attentiveness, wonder and hope in the weeks leading up to Christ's birth

The same service will be offered at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

**11:00 a.m.** - at Pickersgill Retirement Community

**7:00 p.m.** - at Grace Church

All are welcome at either service



## Commitment Sunday!

Sunday, November 10 was Commitment Sunday. The morning was filled with glorious music by brass, organ and the Chancel Choir, scriptures inspiring us to put love into action, the last in a series of moving



testimonies about how Grace has been a channel of God's grace, and a special time for everyone in the congregation to add their leaf to God's tree of life. Thank you to everyone who made the morning such a special one, including Amy Madsen, our Finance Committee chair, members of the Finance

Committee who helped with the fellowship time, and members of the Stewardship subcommittee who worked to craft the stewardship brochure and the morning's worship.

We also thank those who have completed a pledge card for 2020, offering their financial gifts to God's work through Grace Church. As of November 10, we have received 69 pledges totaling \$231,180. We are well on our way to fulfilling our needed commitments for the year ahead.

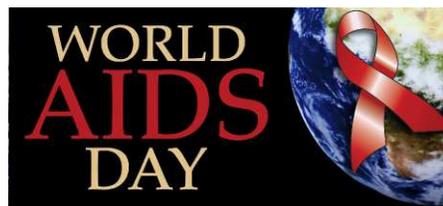
If you have not yet returned your 2020 pledge card, then we ask you to do so soon. Every member of Grace is a valued part of our church's work and we invite you to support Grace's 2020 ministries through a pledge.

### Update on Pastor Dane

Thank you for the many messages of love, support and prayers for Pastor Dane Wood, and his wife Megan, during his recent surgery to remove the two tumors. Your prayers, encouragement and love have meant so much during this time.

Pastor Dane is at home recovering and awaiting next steps. Messages for him may be left with the Church Office and they will be forwarded to him.

Grace will continue to share updates with the congregation as we are able, and invite your continued prayers.



On Sunday, December 1, our morning worship will recognize World AIDS day with special prayers and dedicating the communion offering to the conference Quality of Life Retreats.

Grace Church was one of the first Methodist churches in the Baltimore/Washington Conference to establish a HIV/AIDS Task Force to increase awareness of HIV/AIDS and offer compassion to those affected by AIDS.

In early 1990, the Grace Administrative Board passed the following statement: **“As a Christian response to the human pain and suffering caused by AIDS, Grace United Methodist Church affirms a ministry that offers unconditional love and compassion to all those whose lives are touched by AIDS.”**

In the late 1980s and early 1990s during the most devastating period of the HIV/AIDS crisis, those infected faced rejection, prejudice and abandonment from the ignorance and fear of others. A small group of church lay leaders, including several Grace members, and Conference clergy began sponsoring retreats to offer care and compassion to those living and dying from HIV/AIDS.

When the call went out for financial support and volunteers for the first retreat, there was little response. However, the members from the Grace HIV/AIDS Task force were there to assist in funding and to serve meals at that retreat. Over the years Grace Church has continued to support the Quality of Life Retreats which has conducted over 100 retreats serving more than 3400 participants.



There are still opportunities to remember or honor someone special during December:

December 22 - need donor for one vase [the flowers will remain on the altar for Christmas Eve]

December 29 - need donor for one vase. Each vase is \$27.50. Please contact Claire Greenhouse if you would be interested - 410-337-7407 or [aschoolrn@verizon.net](mailto:aschoolrn@verizon.net).



## MUSIC AT GRACE CONCERT SERIES:

A **Christmas Concert** on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. by the New Wave Singers, a community of gay, lesbian, bisexual, trans and straight people making music that matters. Jim Gillham, Director, Chris Schroeder, Accompanist. Tickets: [www.newwavesingers.org](http://www.newwavesingers.org)

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On Saturday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m., **The Handel Choir of Baltimore** will present MESSIAH by George Frederick Handel in Grace Church's sanctuary. Discounted tickets (\$20 each) are available to the Grace community. Please contact Kitty Allen, [kitty.allen@verizon.net](mailto:kitty.allen@verizon.net) or 410-494-8589 to secure your tickets.

### A Traditional Christmas Concert

*Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.*

This concert with a focus on women composers and text writers, will include congregational singing of carols and will feature all of the ensembles at Grace Church: the Handbell Choir, the Children's Choir, the Youth Choir and the Chancel Choir accompanied by flute and organ.

The concert will be followed by a reception at the Parsonage.

No admission fee. Free will offering to support the Music at Grace Concert Series



As is our custom now, the choirs of Grace Church will present the traditional Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. This solemn and moving worship experience will feature nine scripture readings followed by either an anthem by one of the choirs or a congregational hymn. Musicians featured in this service will include the Children's Choir, directed by Mairin Srygley, the Youth Choir directed by Robert Cantrell and the Chancel Choir accompanied on organ by David Brock.

Come celebrate Christmas with us as we share in this unique worship experience!

### CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 p.m.

Music by the Chancel Choir accompanied by string quartet



### BSO Ensemble Concert

to benefit the Musicians of the Baltimore Symphony LTD

A chamber group composed of musicians from the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra will perform at Grace Church in the sanctuary on **Sunday, December 1 at 3:00 p.m.** Percussionist Brian Prechtel has composed musical settings of several of Walt Whitman's poems. Brian, along with Colin Sorgi, viola; Darius Skoraczewski, cello; Michael Sheppard, piano and Judith Krummeck, narrator will perform "A Child Said What is Grass" and other selections. A free will offering will benefit the BSO musicians during times of lockouts and strikes. All are invited to attend.

### The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Brass Concert

Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen

Grace's own Kathie Metz and Chris Schroeder will be participating in this concert along with the Saint Paul's School Concert Chorale, directed by John Smedstad and accompanied by Chris Schroeder.

Discounted tickets of \$22 are available through Kitty Allen, [kitty.allen@verizon.net](mailto:kitty.allen@verizon.net) or 410-494-8589.

## A new memorial opportunity

Grace Church is purchasing a set of pew candle torches and holders to be used during the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany season as well as being available for use at weddings and other special events. *[photo is not the actual torch]* The torches will be installed down the main aisle of the sanctuary and in the chancel. Through an initial gift and the advance support of the Trustees, a small number of pew candle holders will be purchased for this coming season with a goal of a set of 16 torches. Each individual torch costs \$455. Adding to the torches is the cost of a rack for storage which brings the total cost to approximately \$7800. You may participate by selecting this option on the memorial form below.



## Giving for others



There will be two trees and labeled boxes in the glass entryway where you may place donations during the month of December. There will be a large tree hosted by our Mission-Outreach team with all donations going to Manna House. A smaller tree, hosted by Grace Preschool, will collect gifts going to Share Baby. The items that are requested include:

- \* adult underwear, especially for men, all sizes, new
- \* adult toiletries - small travel-sized items including shampoo, conditioner, soap, dental products
- \* adult warm clothing - socks, mittens, hats - new
- \* children's warm clothing - new hats, mittens and gently used or new coats, sizes newborn to 6x.

## Christmas Memorials

Please consider a gift to help underwrite the cost of

- special music for the Christmas Season
- decorations for the Sanctuary
- NEW: pew candle torches

to honor a special person or in memory of a loved one.  
Complete the form below and return it with your check to the Church Office by **Monday, December 16.**  
Gifts will be acknowledged in holiday worship bulletins.



I/We wish to make a gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to

\_\_\_\_\_ Music

\_\_\_\_\_ Decorations

\_\_\_\_\_ Pew Candle Torches

In loving memory of

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In honor of

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Given by \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope No. \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please print name as you wish it to appear in the bulletin)*

LITTLE CHILDREN,  
LET US LOVE,



NOT IN WORD OR SPEECH, BUT IN  
TRUTH AND ACTION.

1 JOHN 3:18, NRSV

## LOVE GOD. DO GOOD. GROW IN GRACE.

During our Stewardship campaign we had four Grace Church members share their faith journeys and their commitment to pledge to Grace's ministries in 2020.

### October 20 – Marie A. Yeh

It's that time of year when we focus on stewardship which primarily is about asking you to make a pledge to support Grace. So as the Chair of the Church Council, I want to share with you why I pledge, why I give, why I support Grace and its ministries. The answer is really quite simple. Here, I feel the love of God. When we moved here from Ohio, we visited several different churches. We were Methodists but we thought we would explore other denominations closer to our home as well as other Methodist churches. We came to Grace last. I'm not sure why we didn't come here first. I work right down the street at Loyola University. But from the first service, the first sermon I heard Amy give, I felt it. I felt God's love.

Here at Grace I feel connected to God. I see God sparkle in the beautiful stained glass window behind me. I hear God's voice coming from Amy's words during her sermons. Sometimes her sermons are so timely hitting on things that are happening in the world, things that sometimes deeply disturb me that when she speaks, I feel God's words soothing me, telling me to keep the faith. When our choirs sing, when our musicians and Chris play, I feel God's spirit lift me up so that I can face another day, another week, handle whatever difficulty comes my way.

I feel God's spirit embodied in the others sitting around the table at Church Council meetings who by the way are some of the best exemplars for what it means to follow Christ's example. I also see God in others during the Gala, when we greet each other during services. When delivering our backpacks or serving summer meals, I see God's hand at work. Sometimes when singing a hymn I literally feel God calling me. Calling me to be a better person. To give back as much as I receive. And so I give of my time, talents and treasure here at Grace because God is here working through each of us. You know I teach marketing at Loyola. And marketing is about creating something that delivers something of value to people. What I get from Grace though is invaluable. I can't put a price tag on it because it's priceless. But it does cost money. I have heard people here don't like talking about money. But let's be real, all of this doesn't come for free. So as I have shared with you what Grace has given me, I ask you to think about what Grace gives to you. How much is that worth to you? If you do not currently make a pledge to support our staff, our music and choir, our children's programs and other ministries here at Grace, I ask that you prayerfully consider making one at whatever amount you can give. If you do pledge to Grace, I thank you and am sincerely grateful! AND I ask you to prayerfully think about perhaps increasing your pledge as John and I are this year even though we have one in college and one about to start next year.

The scripture the Stewardship committee chose to inspire our campaign is from John, Chapter 3, Verse 18: "Dear Children, let us not love with words or speech, but with actions and in truth." I hope you will join me in pledging as one of your actions here to help all of us at Grace continue to follow Christ's example and do God's work.

In God's Love, Marie A. Yeh, Church Council Chair

### October 27 - Kelly Jackson - Why Grace?

When my brother and I were around four years old, my parents chose Trinity Moravian Church in New Carrollton, MD to raise their children in a faith community. My dad, a retired elementary school instrumental teacher, received a suggestion from a fellow teacher, who was a member of Trinity, that he might like this church; it was a small congregation, and the Moravians are known for rich music traditions.

So Trinity became our church home, where my brother and I were confirmed, were part of the youth group, played in the church band alongside our father, sang in the youth choir, and served Lovefeast. It was a loving community, and rich in diversity. Many of our members had roots in St. Thomas, Trinidad, Nicaragua, and Honduras. My Moravian faith and my parents taught me that we are all God's children and therefore must care for one other.

Fast forward to my post-college years, I moved into my first apartment in Pikesville in 1997 and began - for the first time - "church shopping." Every Sunday I would go to a different church from all different denominations; Lutheran, Episcopal, Presbyterian and Methodist. As my home church was small, about 100 members, I was looking for the COMPLETE OPPOSITE. You should know, my confirmation class was 3, and two of us were related! Grace United Methodist church was one of the first churches I visited. I found it by the large steeple that soared above the tree line on Northern Parkway as I was driving down the street.

I still remember the sermon during my first visit. It was the summer, and Dr. Brannan was preaching on “movies”. I’m sure it gave him a little rest from the formality of the church year. He was relaxed in his white shirt and black suspenders. By the way, he did spoil the secret of “The Sixth Sense,” but I thought, what a cool sermon, and MAN this church is HUGE – surely I can “get lost” in this crowd!?

**Well God, as we know, works in mysterious ways.** I may have visited a few more churches, but came back to Grace and began a regular attendance. Before I knew it, Rev. Polk was asking me if I would help with Vacation Bible School, and once the school year started, I started co-teaching the middle school class. This early involvement gave me the chance to connect family members together, and as you know, we have several multi-generational families here at Grace.

I think I was involved and attending Grace for about 10 years before I finally decided to join the church. I was still connected to my home church, and did not want to give up that membership. But when I finally joined Grace, I had several people say to me, “I thought you were already a member.” Through my time here, I have seen many changes; Ministerial changes, building changes, program changes, and congregation changes. But Grace is my faith community.

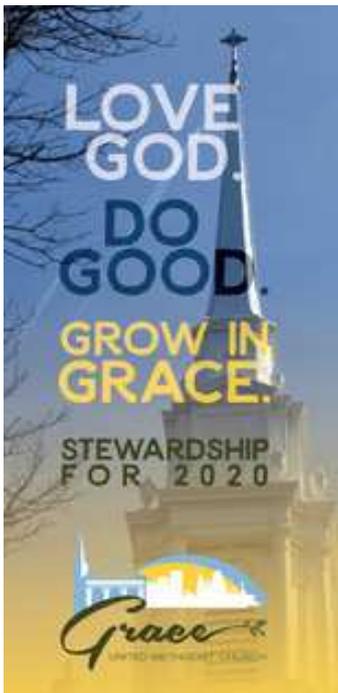
**I am proud** to say I was part of this congregation when we became a reconciling congregation.

**I am proud** to say I am part of a community who cares about the people inside and outside of these walls. And I am proud that Grace has the leadership in Amy and Dane who are leading us through our next chapter. I am truly thankful to God for bringing me into this community of faith, for the friendships I’ve developed, and the support I have received.

As a member of this community, I have grown in my faith through my active participation as an usher, a lay reader, a member of the Missions and Outreach committee, and in joining the Connections Bible Study class. My parents instilled in me the importance of living a spiritual life, and supporting our community of faith through our actions and financial support. So I guess it’s no surprise, that I wasn’t able to “get lost in the crowd.”

During this season of Stewardship, I am making a commitment by increasing my pledge this year. Matthew, Chapter 19, verse 26 says “With God All things are Possible.” I invite you to consider your commitment to Grace through your time, talent and financial support.

Thank you, Kelly Jackson



### November 3 - Paige Stevens

Hi. My name is Paige Stevens, and I have been going to Grace Church for 6 years. I am here today because I want to share 4 things that I love about church.

#1. In the morning when I come to church, I’m always looking forward to Sunday school. I’m very happy to see the familiar faces and I enjoy the activities. One of my favorite Bible stories is about Queen Esther, and how she saved her people.

#2. On the first Sunday of the month when I get to stay in service, I love sitting down next to my Mommy, Daddy, Claire and my friend Miss Laura.

#3. At the end of Sunday school, I like going up to choir. I enjoy seeing Miss Mairin and practicing the new songs we are learning to play with the Boom Whackers.

#4. I also like all of the events that take place at the church. One of my favorites is the event where we make blankets for others. I like all of the cutting, measuring, and tying. And at the end, I feel like I have done something good.

Thank you. I am glad that I was able to share my ideas today.

### November 10 - Al Saxon

*Luke 12:34. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.*

Vicki and I found Grace through an online search for Methodist churches in the Baltimore area. The architecture spoke to me - big and solid, well maintained and historic. The website told a similar story, a community of worshipers that has big, solid goals and a desire to do good deeds for their community. We decided to give it a go and attended our first service here at Grace almost exactly one year ago. Our reception was warm, with the leadership and congregation showing us that Grace is a special place, where God’s love is felt by all. As the weeks went by, the commitment and love here at Grace fulfilled that part of me that had us looking in the first place.

Over the past year, we’ve felt the call to participate in many of the church events and programs. We’ve filled manna bags and hosted a lemonade break. We helped sustain the lunch program through support of the Gala and began volunteering for various committee roles. Grace has provided opportunities for us to actualize our faith through deed, deepening our understanding of Christ’s call to us. We went looking for grace and ended up finding Grace.

The services here at Grace have also strengthened our faith. The music ministries, the weekly sermons, and the prayers, all while being a part of this dynamic and committed congregation, contribute to our individual praise and worship.

We see the good works that this congregation delivers into the community and recognize the value of these programs. We appreciate the spiritual leadership of our pastors, the various ministries, and the social programs hard at work to share the word of God and the blessings of Christ.

Our gifts are indeed Gifts from God, and as I have noted, it takes resources to make the programs at Grace successful. We officially joined this congregation a month ago, on October 6<sup>th</sup>. But before we joined, we decided to express our commitment in a more tangible way, in the form of a pledge.

**Why pledge?** The works of the church are here, in this place, and they take resources to bring to fruition. One of the vows we were about to take was “*to faithfully participate in the life and ministries of our local congregation through our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.*” Pledging gives our group the surety to commit to programs that align with our mission and vision. The church needs the ability to forecast resources, and to budget for programs in order to maximize the utility of our gifts. Pledging enables our leaders to understand the resources they have to work with, to determine which needs can be met, and what else we might need in order to be even more successful. The requirements of our church itself and the congregation vary from housekeeping, maintenance and utilities to feeding schoolchildren and supporting missions, here and abroad.

Personal responsibility drives our willingness to pledge. Because - If not us, then who? We are each responsible for the stewardship of the gifts that God has blessed us with and seeing that those gifts are used to maximum effect. **Not just doing good, but doing the most good.**

To bring biblical perspective to why we pledged, I want to share a brief reading from Corinthians (2 Corinthians 9:6-8): *Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, Grace will abound in every good work.*

And so, bringing my witness to a close this morning, Vicki and I *cheerfully* pledged because we recognize that God is indeed making all Grace abound by means of this congregation that we call Grace United Methodist Church. We're very pleased to be part of this special group of people and to be able to participate as Grace abounds in all of our good works.



There are still several Christmas ornaments from our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year that would make nice gifts for the coming Holiday season. We are offering them at a sale price of \$5.00 each. They come gift boxed and with a red hanging ribbon. Please contact George Kahl in the Church Office.



Heartiest  
congratulations to  
those of our Grace  
family celebrating  
birthdays in  
December

- 1 June Peterson, Gini Simmons, Ronald Kyle Spedalere
- 5 Margaret Blackstone, Rebecca Blackstone, Amanda Rombach
- 7 Julia Grasso, Bonnie Tarbert
- 8 David Irwin, Mary Jo Rigler-Martin
- 9 Nicholas O'Dwyer, Jack Smith
- 10 Joseph Aikins-Afful
- 11 Ben Francis, Michael Stetz
- 12 Erin Farrugia, Lauren Green, Anne Griffith, Michelle Harris, Kolten Rhoad, Reagan Rhoad, Scott Stevens
- 13 Debbie English, Sam Friar
- 14 Samantha Frank, Lauren Winship
- 16 Virginia McIntire, Joan Potter, Lindsey Wyatt
- 17 Lydia Everton, Eleanor Megraw
- 18 Betty Inman
- 19 Darla Rowley
- 20 Luke Fishman, Sally Hauf
- 21 Christine Calderon, Timothy Gause
- 22 H. Brooks Hauf, W. Benton Stansbury III
- 23 Chrystal Eickelberg
- 26 David Eicher
- 27 Bettie Crow
- 28 Kaden Greenberg, Rylan Greenberg, Ella Grace Tarbert
- 29 Amy Seitz, Katie Spearman
- 30 Beth Hayes, Wendy Iglehart, Hyesun Stuart
- 31 Meredith Hudkins, Justin Pfeffer, Evan Scheiner, Dane Wood



## GRACE BOOK CLUB

At its next meeting on Monday, December 9 - 7:00 p.m.  
in the Parlor - the group will be discussing  
*Finding Dorothy* by  
Elizabeth Letts.  
New members are always welcome as are  
book suggestions.

It is hard to believe  
but this is our 26<sup>th</sup>  
anniversary of  
participating in the  
Angel Tree program  
at Grace. In 25 years,  
Grace's angels have



helped bring Christmas joy to over 625 children in the Baltimore area who have a parent in jail. Through the Prison Fellowship ministry, these parents complete a form asking for Christmas presents for their children. For many of these parents, this is one tangible way they can tell their children that they love them even they cannot be with them at Christmas time.

Again this year, we will be receiving the forms for 25-30 children from Angel Tree. We will contact the children's caregiver to confirm names and ages and see what they might like to receive. We will have the Angel Tree gift sign-up on December 8<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Time in the Parlor. There you can sign up to buy a toy, article of clothing or book for a child. You can also make a donation to Grace Church which we will use to purchase Giant Food gift cards that we give to each caregiver.

We ask that you purchase, wrap the gift and affix the Angel sticker you receive at sign-up on the wrapped package. Please bring it back to church no later than Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. We will deliver the gifts to their homes on Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. and can always use a few volunteers to help deliver.

Thank you so much for your support over the past 25 years!

Barb and Chuck Starkey

## Within the Family at Grace

### DEATH

Hollis T. Houston  
October 15, 2019

### BAPTISMS

Margot Reese Gordon  
Cooper Bryant Gordon  
October 20, 2019

Mackenzie Grace Ward  
November 10, 2019

### WEDDING

Kristin Johanna Simmons was married to Daniel Flynn Caughran on October 19 at the Gold Club of South River in Annapolis.

# CHRISTMAS CARDS



## Retirement community residents, seniors and those with whom we wish to keep in touch

*Printed that you might remember our  
friends with a card during the holidays*

<b>BEEHLER</b> , Mary Louise	c/o Alex Beehler, 5310 Wriley Road, Bethesda, MD 20818
<b>DANEKER</b> , Barbara	P. O. Box 95, Benson, MD 21018-0095
<b>DEMAREST</b> , Mary Jane	20 Burke Ave., Unit 239, Towson, MD 21286
<b>DRAPER</b> , Emma	2728 N. Longwood St., Baltimore, MD 21216-1929
<b>EICKELBERG</b> Chrystal	12261 Roundwood Road, Unit 407, Lutherville, MD 21093
<b>GARMAN</b> , David	Alice Manor, Rm 112, 2095 Rockrose Ave, Balto., MD 21211
<b>HEADLEY</b> , Laura	5119 Pembroke Ave., Baltimore, MD 21206
<b>HOFFMAN</b> , Kurt	Gallagher Services, 2520 Pot Spring Rd., Timonium, MD 21093-2730
<b>HOWARD</b> , Bettie Jean	Cottages at Perry Hall, 9902 Walther Blvd., Perry Hall, MD 21234
<b>McCABE</b> , Peggy and Ken	608 Stevenson Lane, Towson, MD 21286
<b>MEADORS</b> , Jacquelyn	2331 Old Court Road, #109, Baltimore, MD 21208
<b>SAPRE</b> , Tonya	400 Symphony Circle Apt. 303, Cockeysville, MD 21030
<b>TYLER</b> , Tony and Betty Jean	1422-A Francke Ave., Lutherville, MD 21093-5329

### **AUGSBURG LUTHERAN VILLAGE, 6825 Campfield Road, Baltimore, MD 21207**

**FRANKLIN**, Doris Apt. 2G

### **BLAKEHURST, 1055 W. Joppa Road, Towson, MD 21204**

<b>CROW</b> , Bettie and John	#446	<b>SCHAEFER</b> , Bob & Elaine	#653
<b>EGER</b> , Frances	# 630	<b>WITTICH</b> , Margot	#516

### **BROADMEAD 13801 York Road, Cockeysville, MD 21030**

**HUDSON**, Walter Apt E-13

### **EDENWALD, 800 Southerly Rd. Baltimore, MD 21286-8417**

<b>ALLEN</b> , Kitty	Apt. 604		
<b>BUFFINGTON</b> , Catherine	Apt. 313	<u><b>800A Southerly Road</b></u>	
<b>BENFER</b> , Carolyn	Apt. 1408	<b>FULTON</b> , Dick	Apt. 1031
<b>DAHL</b> , Ann	Apt. 415	<b>PAINTER</b> , Steve and Kelly	Apt. 1223
<b>GLECKLER</b> , Marcia	Apt. 1606	<b>RUPPERSBERGER</b> , Peggy	Apt. 521
<b>SEITZ</b> , Alan and Nancy	Apt. 906	<b>VOLKER</b> , Pat	Apt. 1025
<b>STARKEY</b> , Lee & Wilma	Apt. 713		
<b>MEGRAW</b> Eleanor	Stroh Hall		

### **PICKERSGILL, 615 Chestnut Ave., Towson, MD 21204**

<b>BEEHLER</b> , MaryLou	(See c/o Alex Beehler above)	<b>KLEIN</b> , Lois	459
<b>DEMPSTER</b> , Betty	229	<b>MOSHER</b> , Helen	1125
<b>KAY</b> , Downing	1225	<b>POLK</b> , Carol	363
<b>LANGRALL</b> , Helen	1209	<b>VITEK</b> , Earline Patenaude	411

### **OUT OF AREA**

<b>DECKER</b> , Patricia	90 Evergreen Drive, Gorham, ME 04038
<b>OLD</b> , Elinor	Salem Health & Rehab, 1945 Roanoke Blvd., Room 112 Salem, VA 24153
<b>WARD</b> , Jennifer	119 Hessian Hills RDG, Apt. 1, Charlottesville, VA 22901-2547
<b>WEBER</b> , Joanne	11100 Asbury Circle, #34, Solomons, MD 20688

[November 2019] *If other members' names should be included, please let the Church Office know.*



On October 27, Grace Church received Mr. Adaji Robinson into our body of faith. Welcome!

## Special Gifts

We acknowledge with gratitude the following special gift to help retire the Columbarium debt in memory of Richard and Barbara Hall by Burt and Linda English



New wi-fi password  
*gracewelcomesall*  
for all areas of the Grace church facility



NOVEMBER 25 for the  
December - January  
issue  
(mailed December 16)

JANUARY 10 for the February issue  
(mailed January 27)

## An AMAZING 24 hours!

On Sunday, November 10 at 10:00 a.m. the congregation celebrated Commitment Sunday made very special by the glorious music of the Carrollton Brass augmenting selections by the choir and organ and congregational singing.

Then the same afternoon at 3:00 p.m., 43 students from the Baltimore School for the Arts, directed by our own Robert Cantrell thrilled a huge audience with scenes from favorite operas.



And finally, on Veteran's Day, November 11 at 11:00 a.m., the band from Roland Park Elementary/Middle School performed several patriotic songs as we recognized our members and family members who had served in the Armed Forces in a program at Grace. They were inspirational!

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## Trustees' Work Day Saturday, December 7 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Join members of the Trustees for a few hours of fellowship and performing some fall clean-up chores. One major item on the list is the cleaning of the exterior window wells around the church. There will be other general cleaning tasks around the building, e.g. wiping down doorways and handrails.

Many hands will make for a very productive and quick work morning! See you on December 7<sup>th</sup>!

### THE INN

Thank you for your generous clothing donations. We have been able to send three boxes of clothing so far and will send another shipment next week. Because of the cost of shipping, we have stopped collecting clothing, but will continue to accept financial donations for general needs for The Inn. Thank you for your help!

### *From Social Justice:*

If you would like to support the Fair Trade movement, you might be interested in shopping for the upcoming holidays or even volunteering at the new Ten Thousand Villages store in Hunt Valley. Contact:

<https://www.tenthousandvillages.com/>

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