

GRACE NOTES

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HOLY WEEK 2021

PALM SUNDAY, March 28

Worship will be a service of scripture, reflections and music to celebrate Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem as we begin our Holy Week experience. This service will be livestreamed on our normal Facebook and YouTube platforms.

HOLY THURSDAY, April 1

Focusing on Jesus' final evening with his disciples, worship will be designed around a series of prayer stations as ways to remember Jesus washing the disciples' feet, his prayer in the garden, and his final meal with the disciples. An online service will be streamed at 7:00 p.m. An outdoor walk-through of the prayer stations will be available between 5:00-7:00 p.m. Attendees will be able to sign up in 15-minute intervals.

[Holy Thursday prayer station visits sign up](#)

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=9xbhp5cab&oeidk=a07ehp13xema57f420d>

GOOD FRIDAY, April 2

This service will remember Jesus' crucifixion with a reading of the passion narrative, prayers, and a time before the cross. Both an online service and an outdoor one will be held at 7:00 p.m. Sign up to attend in person.

[Good Friday 7:00 outdoor service sign up](#)

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=9xbhp5cab&oeidk=a07ehp11qsb9abdc3f0>

EASTER SUNDAY, April 4

Celebrate the Resurrection. In-person, outdoor worship at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. An online service airs at 10:00 a.m. We hope to have an "Easter parade of spring gardens" to conclude our online service, just as we did last year. Pictures of your garden and of your family in Easter finery are welcome - please send to Diane Lesman by Monday, March 29. <comm@graceunitedmethodist.org>

[Easter outdoor service - 9 am sign up](#)

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=9xbhp5cab&oeidk=a07ehp0ye9s434bb783>

[Easter outdoor service - 11 am sign up](#)

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=9xbhp5cab&oeidk=a07ehp11q9xcf589346>

[Sign up options: click on the appropriate links in E-Notes, or call the Church Office - 410-433-6650]

APRIL WORSHIP AND PREACHING

APRIL 5 - EASTER - Rev. Amy McCullough preaching

Pastor Dane will preach all remaining April Sundays

ALL IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES

will follow COVID-safe procedures, including mandatory face masks and social distancing from one another. A full list of COVID procedures and expectations will be given to all attendees prior to the worship services.

UPDATE ON IN-PERSON SANCTUARY WORSHIP

As the COVID infection rates decline and many statewide restrictions begin to ease, the Re-entering Well Task Force of Grace is discerning how best to resume in-person, indoor worship. The task force meets just as *Grace Notes* goes to press. Look for updates about worship in E-notes and in the next issue of *Grace Notes*.



Rev. Amy McCullough - SABBATH LEAVE

Dear Grace Church Family,

It is hard to imagine that we have been journeying through the pandemic for a year. I still remember well the intensity of the first few weeks, as we made the necessary adjustments to move worship and then much of Grace's life online. It has been a strange season, with much loss. It has also been a season in which the important elements of life - connection, purpose, care for one another and those most in need - have become crystal clear. I am so proud of the way Grace Church has responded to the challenges of the past year. You have exemplified generosity, creativity, a willing spirit, flexibility, and most of all, love for God and one another.

At the February 23 meeting of the Staff Parish Relations Committee, I requested, and SPRC approved a month's sabbath leave beginning after Easter. The request for sustained time away arose from the heavy workload of the past 15 months, including both the pandemic and the three months preceding its onset, when Pastor Dane was away undergoing cancer treatments. I will be on leave from April 9 through May 8, returning to Grace on Sunday, May 9th. During this time, Pastor Dane will be the preacher and worship leader and overseeing Grace's ongoing life. The entire Grace Staff will be present to continue our common good work in making God's love real to all. Michelle Riddle, Staff Parish Relations Committee chair, and Jean Smith, Lay Leader, are also available for consultation as needed.

I want to thank the Staff Parish Relations Committee for its support in this time away. I will be praying for you, our entire church community, and our ongoing ministries in these weeks. I look forward to returning rejuvenated and ready to continue our journey of faith in May.

Grace and Peace,
Rev. Amy

Summer Activities for Kids

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - June 28 through July 2 - 9:00-12:00

"Adventure Island" will explore the ways God's great light shines in the world and shows young explorers how they can reflect that light in their own lives. From a whimsical lighthouse on an enchanted island, explorers are guided by a lighthouse keeper and Beacon the Puffin on an exciting quest to find five mysterious Infinity Lanterns to help light their way.

SPORTS CLINIC - July 12 through July 16

THEATER CAMP - August 16 through August 20

More information: Contact Carolyn Young, Director of Children's Ministry at carolyn@graceunitedmethodist.org

SPECIAL GIFTS

We acknowledge with gratitude the following special gifts in memory of

Betty Dempster by
Kitty Allen

Laura Headley by
Linda and Burt English
Edward and Anna Mae Frederick
ALTAR GUILD in memory of **Laura Headley** by
Linda and Burt English
Claire and Walter Greenhouse

MISSION-OUTREACH in memory of

Lee Starkey by
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George Kahl
John and Judith Gillan
Kitty Allen
Robert and Elaine Schaefer
Norman and Lynne Sharpe
Gordon and Joanie Stetz and Family
Elizabeth Starkey
Jack and Jan Halada
Macey Colvin



THANK YOU

Scout Troop
#612 of Grace Church

thanks the congregation for the contributions to its Food Drive each month. During 2020 we took 279 bags of food to the GEDCO CARES food pantry in Govans, and began 2021 with 72 bags of food. The scouts have also donated \$300 to GEDCO for the purchase of additional food from the Maryland Food Bank. The pandemic has caused families to rely on food pantries to supplement their monthly income.

We will continue to have the food drives on the first Sunday of each month from 11:30 to 2:00. Currently the greatest food needs are pasta, sauce, baked beans, rice in 1 and 2 pound bags, and hearty soups. Thank you from the families in Govans and the Scouts of Grace Church.

What is Heaven like?

There is an ancient Chinese parable about an old man who knew he would die soon. He wanted to know what Heaven and hell were like. He visited a wise man in his village to ask "Can you tell me what Heaven and hell are like?"

The wise man led him down a strange path, deep into the countryside. Finally, they came upon a large house with many rooms and went inside. Inside they found lots of people and many enormous tables with an incredible amount of food.

Then the old man noticed a strange thing. The people, all thin and hungry were holding chopsticks 12 feet long. They tried to feed themselves, but of course could not get the food to their mouths with such long chopsticks.

The old man then said to the wise man, "Now I know what hell looks like. Will you please show me what Heaven looks like?"

The wise man led him down the same path a little further until they came upon another large house similar to the first. They went inside and saw many people well fed and happy. They too had chopsticks 12 feet long.

This puzzled the old man and he asked, "I see all of these people have 12 feet chopsticks, too, yet they are well fed and happy. Please explain this to me."

The wise man replied, "**In Heaven we feed each other.**"

One of the very interesting elements in all the major religions is they have so many common denominators. This Chinese parable is so simple yet profound.

We can easily visualize Jesus standing on the Mount and using this same parable to explain to the people who their neighbor is and how they should treat one another.

"In Heaven, we feed each other." Now all we have to do is rephrase this sentence to "On earth we feed one another." Notice there are no qualifications in this sentence, "Everyone" is an inclusive term. There are no exclusions or qualifications. The only qualification is being alive. EVERYONE is fed. EVERYONE is loved. EVERYONE is cared for.

Jesus said that the Kingdom of God is within us. Now that puts the "monkey on our back." We don't have to wait to get to Heaven to experience the Kingdom of God. We can experience it each and every day. All we have to do is feed (translate that to "love") one another. Just as Jesus demonstrated by his Easter Passion.

Jack Danz, CLM - Ministry of Pastoral Care



FOR EASTER

IN HONOR OF

My Family
Jean S. Burbage, 97 years young
Lisa, Mark, Shelley, David and Hope
Kitty Allen

GIVEN BY

Kitty Allen
Ross G. Burbage
Claire and Walter Greenhouse
Susan Schumacher

IN MEMORY OF

Loved Ones
Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Brock / Mr. and Mrs. Grady
Allison / Miss Margaret Allison / Mr. and Mrs.
W. C. Brock / Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Bradford
Landon W. Burbage, Jr.
Gloria Buzi, mother of Tanya Spedalere
Lee Starkey
Burton and Eulah English
Melvin and Violet Koontz
Ernest and Elizabeth Payne / Samuel and Jo Greenhouse
Ted L. Pearson / George and June Kahl
Martin and Augusta Reihl Radtke
George and Verlean Newton
Tom and Peg Paton
Our Parents / Lee Starkey / Laura Headley
Mary Englar Tydings
Frances Jarrell Noland Webb and Glenn Aird Webb

GIVEN BY

Kitty Allen
David C. Brock

Ross G. Burbage
Maureen and Jack Danz
The Danz Family
Burt and Linda English
Burt and Linda English
Claire and Walter Greenhouse
George Kahl
Joyce McKissick
Priscilla and Elaine Newton
Marge Penhallegon
Nancy and Alan Seitz
John Tydings
Nancy Webb





GRACE 2021:

FAITHFUL. GRATEFUL. BOLD.

Thank you to all those who have submitted a 2021 pledge for Grace's Operating Budget. Your commitment and faithfulness are a blessing to our holy call of sharing God's love and mercy with one another and the wider community. As of the first week of March, we have received 92 pledges totaling \$322,352 in pledged dollars. If you have not yet made a pledge, we ask you to prayerfully consider your financial giving to Grace and complete a pledge. Pledge cards can be found online at our website by clicking on Give and then "Stewardship 2021." Questions can be directed to George Kahl, Financial Secretary, or either of Grace's pastors.

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Lebowitz
David Haile
James Heckman
Carl Hickey
Casey Humbyrd and Kent
Grasso
Wendy Iglehart
Kelly Jackson

If you perhaps pledged on line or otherwise don't see your name, please contact the church office. Technology problems may have interrupted transmission of the pledge.

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Lenox, Karyn
Diane Lesman
Thomas Lynn
Michael & Amy Madsen
Amy & Chris McCullough
Kathie Metz
Thomas Moore
Irene Moses
Helen Mosher
Priscilla Newton

Patrick Onley
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June Peterson
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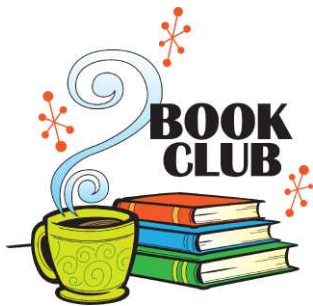


Warmest

wishes to those of our Grace family celebrating birthdays in April:

- 2 Thomas E. Green, Jr.
- 3 Omar Calderon, Elise DeFilippis, Zachary Green
- 4 Mary Frances Manning, Ryan Riddle
- 6 Eva Metz, Mary T. White
- 8 Wonwoo Lee
- 9 Josefina Mian, Nila Murray, Bruce S. Rice
- 11 Diana McGraw
- 12 Hayes Hudkins, Missy Laytham
- 13 Robin Benfer
- 15 Georgia Barnes, Quinn Bathory-Gimigliano, Riley Bathory-Gimigliano
- 16 Becky Farace
- 17 Brian Pflaum, Allegra Schmidt
- 18 Sheldon Gruber-Lebowitz, Lely Yanega
- 19 Richard Brooks
- 20 Nancy S. Blackstone, Todd Canter, Lindsay Cheek
- 21 Maggie Grandsire, Peggy Thorne, William Wilkerson
- 22 Dick Fulton
- 23 Jeffrey Keenan, Earline Patenaude, Wilma Starkey
- 24 Thomas A. Green, Leigh Howe, Margot Wittich
- 26 Campbell Barnes, Marin Heath, Sara Nichols, Bryce Schmidt
- 27 Amy G. Pflaum, Kate Scott
- 28 Bob McIntire
- 29 Caroline Breeden
- 30 Elisabeth Dahl (Davis), Emily Riddle, Hayden White

Grace Book Club



The book for April 12th is

The Giver of Stars
by JoJo Moyes.

For May the book selection

will be **The Vanishing Half** by Brit Bennett.

Contact Maureen Danz if you would like to be added

to her email list to receive the Zoom link and updates on when the group will be able to resume meeting in person.



Altar Flowers

(For additions or corrections please contact Claire Greenhouse at 410-337-7407.)

The flowers are given to the Glory of God and. . .

April 4 - Easter - in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Lee Moore and Mr. & Mrs. Frederick A. Weiss by Tom Moore and grandsons Bill and Thomas Lee; Charles & Mildred Hatter and Maurice & Odo Starkey and Lee Starkey by the Starkey Family; Milton Volker by his wife Pat.

Hydrangeas: in memory of Flora Jane Moore by her husband Tom and sons Bill and Thomas Lee.

Palms: in memory of our parents Mr. & Mrs. M. Nelson Bond, Jr. and grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. W. C. Scott by Kitty Allen, Barbara Bond, and Margot Wittich

Paschal Candle: in memory of Fred M. Peed and Charles & Ann McCullough by the McCullough Family.

April 11 - in loving memory of Rev. Mark Boling by his wife Francette.

April 18: in honor of my sister and brothers-in-law, Linda & Harv Redmond and Anne & Clark Monnett, and in loving memory of Mary Lou & Rick Harting by Kristin & Rex Turner.

April 25 - in honor of Diane & Don Topper on their anniversary, and in memory of Marie E. Spann by her daughter, Jeanette Cosper.

May 2 - Bruce Eicher and Vickie Leshinskie

May 9 - Mother's Day - Kitty Allen and Barbara Bond

May 16 - Marilyn Workman and _____

May 23 - Carl Weber and Amy Pflaum

May 30 - Carol Polk and Catherine Buffington

Within the Family at Grace BIRTHS

Lilian Josephine (Lily) Ward
daughter of Matthew Ward and Jessica Huwa
and big sister MacKenzie
February 6, 2021

Blake Mitchell Atwood-Starkey
son of Aundrea and Sarah Atwood-Starkey
February 12, 2021

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I would like to honor ROBERT CANTRELL

[Nomination of Robert was one selected by Edenwald's CEO for recognition during Black History Month]



I met Robert when he arrived at the Peabody Conservatory to study voice and opera; I was assistant to the dean at the time. It was easy to “mother” this young man from Gainesville, GA, so far away from home. I loved listening to his singing voice, and his speaking voice in the family stories he told. I attended every opera production and recital he was in. What a joy to see his artistry progress over the years, and be the recipient of his smiles, his teddy bear hugs, and the opportunity to provide a bit of nurturing for one who so missed his family in the south. Upon graduation, he joined the voice faculty at the Baltimore School for the Arts, and now is also a member of the Morgan State University faculty. He has been the bass soloist and director of the Youth Choir at Grace United Methodist Church, my church, for several decades now, and organizes and directs a Black Gospel Music service each February, to great toe-tapping appeal. For many years I have kept his bio and performances list in my computer sending it off to auditions and performance venues for a program book. For several years he sang in the Metropolitan Opera Chorus, commuting back in the wee hours of Sunday morning to sing at church. He frequently sang with Washington Opera and performed recitals

nationally and abroad. A couple of years ago, Robert even sang a solo recital here at Edenwald. Robert, a man of deep faith, has brought so much joy to the world not only with his music, but with his kindness, his love of family, his teaching, his love of life. Just this week he brought tears when singing “On Eagle’s Wings” at the funeral of a church member and Edenwald resident as he so frequently does when singing beautiful spirituals to soothe the sorrowing. Each year his students present a program of Opera Scenes to the church, demonstrating the progress they have made at the BSA under his tutelage, and the skills demanded of them to be considered professional musicians. I often drove Robert back downtown to his apartment after Sunday services and thrilled at his hearty laugh, joked about how much he perspired during choir, and how delicious his banana pudding was that he had made for a choir party, ending the trip with a special hug. Guess I kind of feel like his mother of a different color – he is that special to me!

Kitty Allen