NOW MORE THAN EVER - 2022

It is Stewardship Season! The stewardship emphasis began October 17 and runs through November 14th. This year’s theme is “NOW MORE THAN EVER” and uses Jeremiah’s words, “For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.” We need Grace Church and each other now more than ever, and that Grace Church needs all of us, working together, to share God’s love and live into God’s hopeful future.

The stewardship emphasis includes: 1) a sermon series on the prophet Jeremiah, a prophet who guided people amid an exile and then their tentative return to their home; 2) two witnesses about the ministries of Grace and their impact each Sunday in worship; and 3) a stewardship packet arriving at every Grace household around November 1. We encourage all persons to read the brochure, prayerfully consider their gifts to Grace for 2022, and make a pledge. We will hold a celebration Sunday on November 14th, with a special congregational outdoor event following the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

NOVEMBER WORSHIP AND PREACHING

November 7 - All Saints Sunday - Rev. Amy McCullough
November 14 - Celebration of “Now More Than Ever” stewardship campaign
    Rev. Amy McCullough
November 21 - Pastor Levon Sutton
November 28 - Advent I - Rev. Amy McCullough

Backpack ministry benefits from auction

The dinner and auction on Saturday, October 9 was the culmination of efforts by many folks and raised more than $7,000 for our Backpack ministry. Many thanks to the planning committee: Sue and Linda Benson-Williams, Chuck and Barb Starkey, Jim Fitzgerald and Andy Trofatter, Thomas Gaeng and Amanda Graham, and Al Saxon. It was a wonderful evening and we are so grateful to the many who donated items, created lovely blankets and paintings, and bid on and bought the items for this important ministry.
Would you be willing to fill a basket?
Once again this year, Grace will be supplying several Thanksgiving baskets for families in need in our community. Plans are underway to offer them to families at Roland Park Elementary School and also within the schools receiving food bags through our backpack ministries. Basket sign up will take place on November 7 and filled baskets due back to Grace on Sunday, November 21.

The shopping list for each basket includes the following items in quantities to feed a family of four:

- Gravy mix
- Chicken broth
- Stuffing mix
- Cranberry sauce
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit
- Canned mixed greens
- Canned yams or sweet potatoes
- Drink mix (iced tea, Kool Aid, lemonade)
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Fruit pies
- Brown & serve rolls

The church also offers each family a gift card with which to purchase a turkey or ham.
A donation of $15 covers the cost of the meat.

Within the family at Grace

DEATH

Mrs. Betty Inman
September 20, 2021

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A Memorial Service and Celebration of Life for Downing Jett Kay will be held at Grace on Saturday, November 20 at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Downing Kay, age 112, passed away on May 20, 2020 at Pickersgill Retirement Community. She was a faithful member of Grace Church for more than 45 years, enjoying Bible study, weekly sermons, wonderful friendships and, most of all, the choir. Her family is delighted to finally be able to participate in the service she thoughtfully wrote during her later years.

SPECIAL GIFTS

We acknowledge with gratitude the following special gifts to Outreach in memory of Lee Starkey by Leon and Janet Taylor to Music in memory of Carol Polk by David Brock in memory of John Graf by Louis and Rosanne Armaro

Dear Grace UMC Family,

Your kindness and support during this difficult time has been much appreciated. Thank you for all the time and talents you have shared with me. May my small gift be used to help others.

Gratefully yours,

Joyce Graf (Mrs. John Graf)

CHURCH CONFERENCE
Saturday, November 20
9:00 a.m. - via Zoom

Charge Conference

Those wishing to attend this annual meeting to celebrate the ministries, affirm newly elected leaders and do other important business in the church’s life must preregister. You may click on the link in E-Notes or call the church office to be emailed the link for this virtual meeting. You may also type in this link:

https://bwcumc.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYucOourT0iGtePyfz-9-vBYXu2-9-rfn6or

Upcoming DEADLINES

The deadlines for Grace Notes issues for the remainder of 2021 are:
November 10 for issue to be mailed November 22
November 29 for issue to be mailed December 13
Birthday Greetings

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

1 Ed Frederick
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 Patsy Andrews, Carl Armstrong, William White, David Wingate
13 C. William Clark
14 Holly Troyer
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
23 Marcos Calderon, Amy Coates Madsen
24 Diane Lesman
25 Elizabeth Adolph, Linda Benson, Barbara Simmons
27 Marina Chobanov, Sheri Gimigliano
29 Betsy Scott

Monday, November 8th at 7:00 p.m. will be the next Book Club meeting in the church parlor. The book selection for this month is The Flight Attendant by Chris Bohjalian. Please join the group!

Music Ministry News:
CHANCEL CHOIR IS BACK!
On Wednesday, September 29th the Chancel Choir resumed rehearsals, their first gathering since March of 2020. Twenty-one singers were in attendance, as we rehearsed masked and distanced in our Fellowship Hall. The choir began singing in worship on World Communion Sunday. Grace Church is so grateful to have them back in worship, presenting introits and anthems and leading the congregation in singing! We are grateful for their gifts of talent and time.

NEW SOLOIST
The Music Ministry at Grace is pleased to welcome our new Second Soprano Soloist and Section Leader, Jennifer Tzu-Jung Wang, who will begin her tenure at Grace Church on Sunday, November 7th. Jennifer is a graduate voice performance and pedagogy student at the Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins University. Watch for more information and a photo in an upcoming E-Notes. Welcome to our Music Ministry team, Jennifer!

DECEMBER CONCERT EVENTS
Our Music at Grace Concert Series is pleased to host two choral concerts in the month of December. The New Wave Singers of Baltimore, Maryland’s premiere LGBTQ chorus since 1985, will present its Christmas Concert in our sanctuary on Sunday, December 5th at 4:00 p.m. Visit newwavesingers.org for concert and ticket information.

On Saturday, December 11th at 7:30 p.m., the Handel Choir of Baltimore will perform Period-Perfect Messiah in our sanctuary. Visit handelchoir.org for concert at ticket information.

HOLIDAY BRASS TICKETS
Please contact Kitty Allen, 410-494-8589 or kitty.allen@verizon.net for tickets to the annual Holiday Brass concert at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen on Tuesday, November 30. Discounted price $22 each.
ALTAR FLOWERS - NOVEMBER 2021

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

**November 7**: in loving memory of Nancy Dempster Frank, Karen Frank Swanson, and Betty and John S. Dempster, Jr., by Dick Frank; and Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Platt Ketcham by their daughter Peggy Ketcham McCabe.

**November 14**: in loving memory of Dr. Arun B. Sapré by his loving wife Tonya and children; and her parents by Pat Volker.

**November 21**: in loving memory of Downing Jett Kay on her birthday by her daughter Anne Joyner and family.

**November 28**: in loving memory of Betty Gumpper Hocker and her husband George Hanshue Hocker by their children Barbara, Carole and George Jr. and their families; and Ernest and Elizabeth Payne by Claire Greenhouse.

**Looking ahead to December 2021 and January 2022**

December 5    Janet Ander and Mary White
December 12   Laura Getschel/Connie Mech and Lynn Beachler
December 19   Katie Buffington and ______
December 24-26 Jack Danz and Vicki Saxon
               Urns: Thom Rinker and Dr. Nancy Blackstone
               Organ Pay Poinsettias: George Kahl
January 2     Doris Franklin and Janet Ander
January 9     Lee Gough and ______
January 16    Susan Wallace and ______
January 23    ______
January 30    ______

To underwrite the cost of flowers for a service ($27.00 per vase) or to make any changes, please contact Claire Greenhouse at 410-337-7407 or aschoolrn@verizon.net.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

I/we would like to make a donation to

_____ Music  _____ Mission Outreach  ________ Other

in loving memory of

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in honor of

__________________________________________________________________________

Given by ______________________________ Envelope No. _______

*(Please print name as you wish it to appear in Grace Notes)*

**DEADLINE: November 29 to appear in Grace Notes**
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*

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BEEHLER, Mary Louise c/o Alex Beehler, 5310 Wiiley Road, Bethesda, MD 20818
DANER, Barbara P. O. Box 95, Benson, MD 21018-0095
DEMAREST, Mary Jane 20 Burke Ave., Unit 239, Towson, MD 21286
DRAPER, Emma 2728 N. Longwood St., Baltimore, MD 21216-1929
EICKELBERG, Chrystal 12261 Roundwood Road, Unit 407, Lutherville, MD 21093
HOFFMAN, Kurt Gallagher Services, 2520 Pot Spring Road, Timonium, MD 21093
KLEIN, Lois Charter Sr. Living, 6451 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21212
McCABE, Peggy and Ken 608 Stevenson Lane, Towson, 21286
MEADORS, Jacquelyn 2331 Old Court Road, #109, Baltimore, MD 21208
TYLER, Tony and Betty Jean 1422-A Francke Ave., Lutherville, MD 21093-5329

**AUGSBURG LUTHERAN VILLAGE:** 6825 Campfield Road, Baltimore, MD 21207
FRANKLIN, Dr. Doris Apt. 2G

**BLAKEHURST,** 1055 W. Joppa Road, Towson, MD 21204
CROW, Bettie and John #446  **SCHAEFER,** Bob and Elaine #653
WELLNER, Lois and Tom #221  **WITTICH,** Margot #516

**EDENWALD,** 800 Southerly Road, Towson, MD 21286
ALLEN, Kitty #604
BENFER, Carolyn #1408 800-A Southerly Road
BUFFINGTON, Katie #313  **FULTON,** Dick #1031
DAHL, Ann #415 **PAINTER,** Steve and Kelly #1223
GLECKLER, Marcia #1606 **RUPPERSBERGER,** Peggy #521
SEITZ, Alan and Nancy #906 **VOLKER,** Pat #1025
STARKEY, Wilma #713

**PICKERSGILL,** 615 Chestnut Ave., Towson, MD 21204
BEEHLER, Mary Louise (see above)
MOSHER, Helen #1125
VITEK, Earline Patenaude #411

**OUT OF AREA**
DECKER, Patricia 90 Evergreen Drive, Gorham, ME 04038
FRANK, Dick 274 69th Street, Avalon, NJ 08202
FREDERICK, Edward and Anna Mae 3 Regal Drive, Hanover, PA 17331
OLD, Elinor Salem Health & Rehab, 1945 Roanoke Blvd., Room 112, Salem, VA 24153
WARD, Jennifer 119 Hessian Hills RDG, Apt. 1, Charlottesville, VA 22901-2547
WEBER, Joanne 11100 Asbury Circle, #34, Solomons, MD 20688

*(Addresses as of November 2021). Please notify the church office with additional names or updates.*)
We had a beautiful day for the Fall Harvest Festival on October 2! A special thanks to those who made the day possible: members of Grace, members of Scout Troop 612 and Grace Preschool. It was great to connect with friends and neighbors, and raise funds for our backpack program.

Grace Preschool news

The year is off to a fantastic start at Grace Preschool. Our enrollment is up, and (if you can believe it!) we’re just under 100 children enrolled! Incredible! We now have a First Grade that is busy reading, learning, discovering, and exploring the world around them. You’d be amazed at the quality of writing and work that the children are creating.

Our Kindergartners are also busy at work and traveling the world. As part of their unit on different cultures, they will “fly” to Costa Rica this week and learn all about the cultures and customs, and even facetime with someone who will be staying there! Our Pre-K students are learning all about the letters of the alphabet while also learning about the world around them. D week? How about a walk to the duck pond? There is lots of fun happening with our four-year olds. Our Threes are gaining lots of new social skills as they are learning to share a classroom with new friends and exploring the great outdoors. They are dropped off and picked up on the playground each day, which allows lots of time for running, playing, making friends and exploring! Our Twos classes are also doing a lot of learning and growing! If you sit to think about it, a lot of the children in these classes were born shortly before the pandemic began, so beginning school is a HUGE step for most of them! Peeking into the classrooms, you will see children engaging in singing and dancing, playing with dress-ups, putting together puzzles, and listening to stories during circle time. Lots of love is shown by the teachers, and all are settling into the daily school routines.

We’re all so thankful to be here, and excited to engage with each of our students every day!

Tami James, director
All Saints Sunday marks the 34th anniversary of our communion rail kneelers

It was All Saints Sunday, November 1, 1987 that Grace dedicated the communion rail kneelers which had been designed and needlepointed by ladies of the church. The dream began to become a reality in the spring of 1984 when a core of ladies met with Billie Conklin, a professional designer to discuss the background color, the center motifs and design relative to the architecture of the church. Advised that they should attend a series of classes to learn the skill of needlepointing correctly, interested members visited the National Cathedral in Washington to see its altar hangings and kneelers. A series of four classes was arranged at Grace taught by the chairperson of the Cathedral Needlepoint Committee. 21 members participated and from that group nine were asked to embroider the canvases. They began stitching in the spring of 1985, meeting monthly to compare progress. Two and a half years later the work was completed. The Ace Upholstery Co. took care of the blocking, light rubber inside and velvet backing. The United Methodist Women underwrote the cost of the project.

Kitty Allen, Tonya Sapre and Lynne Sharpe, in the photo above, are the remaining members of the stitching group, reuniting at a recent funeral at the church.