

Grace Notes

Winter 2023



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Thank you for reading Grace Notes, the quarterly newsletter from Grace United Methodist Church. If you have anything that you would like to include in a future edition of Grace Notes, please contact Alex Carney, Grace's Communications and A/V Specialist at comm@graceunitedmethodist.org.

Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends,

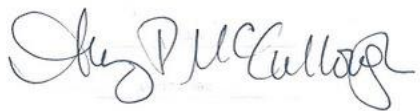
The mission statement of Grace United Methodist Church states, "We seek to act so that God's love is felt by all." This simple statement sums up the guiding force behind everything we do as a faith community. From the collecting of coats at Christmas to offering concerts open to the community, from praying for persons in need by name to publicly proclaiming our commitments to dismantle exclusion and racism, we embody the welcoming grace of God.

One dimension of our mission to enact God's love to all comes through our commitment to healing the inequities of Baltimore City and, in particular, to being a force for health, healing, and hope to the York Road corridor. York Road serves as a dividing line in Baltimore, with vastly different economic realities found at either side of the road. All who dwell along the corridor are our neighbors. Prior to the pandemic, Grace Church participated in summer feeding programs for three summers, in partnership with Wilson Park Christian Community Church and prior to that, the city's former recreation center adjacent Walter P. Carter public school. These programs ceased in 2020 and since then, I along with others at Grace, have been prayerfully discerning where and how God might be calling us to continue being in ministry alongside those who live and work along the York Road corridor.

Last spring, the Staff Parish Relations Committee approved the hiring of a Community Organizer, whose role will be to help Grace Church build relationships and discern shared ministry opportunities along York Road. I am pleased to share with you that Mr. Francis Govan will be joining Grace as a part-time Community Organizer in February. Mr. Govan is a long-term resident of the Wilson Park neighborhood, with an extensive background in being an agent of change in neighborhoods in need. He has worked to move persons from transitional to long-term affordable housing, on staff at the Community Action Agency in Silver Spring, MD, and led efforts to increase cross-cultural understanding and connections. Mr. Govan brings familiarity with many of the neighborhood associations, nonprofit organizations, and business that comprise the York Road corridor. He will be with us for the next six months, building bridges between our church community and the York Road Corridor. Presently, our goal is to learn more about the strengths, gifts, and needs of the neighbors by building relationships. Our hope is to become invested in projects that promote well-being for the corridor for the long-term.

We will introduce Mr. Govan during worship on Sunday, February 5. I know you join me in welcoming Mr. Govan to Grace. If you are interested in learning more about these efforts or being a part of a listening and leadership team, then please feel free to be in touch.

God's grace and peace,



Rev. Dr. Amy P. McCullough, Lead Pastor

Reports from Church Conference

Lead Pastor's Report for 2022

Rev. Dr. Amy McCullough

2022 has been a year of stabilization following the two pandemic years. God's faithfulness has been evident throughout the year, and we celebrate several key aspects in our life as a community of faith.

Our worshipping congregation remained committed, engaged, and growing as disciples of Jesus. Approximately 60% of the congregation is worshipping in-person, with 40% joining online. Our children and youth ministries are gathering in person and re-engaging in pre-pandemic activities.

Grace continues to be blessed by excellent lay leadership. The Church Council, along with other interested lay persons, read and discussed *The Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* over the summer. This book sparked much conversation and energy about adjusting our ministries to fit changing times. The new Stewardship of Resources Committee, which combines the roles of the Trustees and Finance Committee, is in its 2nd year and has adjusted to its new role. The SORC continues to provide guidance for our facility and finances, while overseeing the master schematic design process. The design process is nearly complete, and we anticipate moving forward with a facility renovation, enabling us to do more ministry and community-building in the decades ahead. Through the leadership of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, the Communications Coordinator and A/V Specialist position expanded to a ¾-time position and the Minister of Music received a well-deserved summer sabbatical. The committee has affirmed a new part-time role of a Community Organizer to help us develop relationships along the York Road corridor.

As Lead Pastor, I serve as the primary preacher, regular teacher and small group facilitator and head of staff. My teaching ministries include a Lenten study, new member opportunities, and leading the Beloved Community group. The Beloved Community group remains on its journey towards racial justice, reading together *Caste* and completing the *Be the Bridge* curriculum. Fall plans include additional book studies as well as visits to local and national sites of African American heritage and history. I am proud of the spiritual depth of this congregation, the community's deep commitment to service, and their openness to seeking God's wisdom in challenging and changing times.

As your pastor, I oversaw the welcoming of five new members, baptized three children, and led funeral services for six Grace members. Along with Rev. Levon Sutton and Lay Minister Jack Danz, I provide worship services at Pickersgill Retirement Community.

Beyond my service at this local congregation, I serve as the chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry and have overseen the Gender, Race, and Ministry study for the conference, which is exploring how race and gender impact one's ability to flourish in ministry. I directed a West River United Methodist Camp week and taught a classes at Wesley Theological Seminary in both seminary offerings and the Course of Study program.

I am excited about what God is doing in our midst and the plans for the year ahead. It is a joy to serve at Grace Church. I am grateful for a dedicated staff and a committed congregation.

Rev. Amy P. McCullough

Associate Pastor's Report for 2022

Rev. Levon Sutton

Pastoral Support and Leadership Update

Throughout the 2022 calendar year, I have continued to provide support and leadership to a vast array of ministries here at Grace Church. Areas of specific focus include our Children's and Youth Ministries, Mission Outreach Committee, Reconciling Ministries, Congregational and Pastoral Care, Visitations, and Small Groups. Each area of ministry has allowed me to further engage members of Grace's congregation as we continue to live out the church's mission of acting "[S]o that God's love is felt by all."

Additionally, I was privileged to lead a half-day retreat off-premises for church staff which focused on Self-Care. This event included both insightful information and practical exercises designed to encourage staff to develop creative ways to balance the challenges of work and life activities. Within the weekly rhythm of the church, I have assisted the Lead Pastor with planning weekly worship services throughout the liturgical year. This has included preparing weekly announcements for Sunday and upcoming weekly activities, serving as liturgist and preacher during our worship services. In addition to providing assistance with the weekly worship planning, I have also shared preaching responsibilities at two area retirement facilities where members of Grace currently live. These actions by our pastor leadership team have continued to ensure our engagement with parishioners who are unable to attend in-person worship on a consistent basis. Additionally, such act of services allows Grace Church to be felt by non-members as well.

Administratively, I have assisted in offering compassionate pastoral guidance and leadership to church staff and lay members. Areas of direct focus include:

- The planning of weekly Children's and Youth Sunday school activities.
- The planning, coordination, and execution of weekly food distribution in support of the church's Weekend Backpack Program.
- Providing leadership to our lay member with the planning and execution of the Annual Day of Service mission activities.
- Missional giving and fundraising initiatives that include Grace's July Fund-the-Mission campaign and the Coming Together for Others luncheon and auction fundraiser are Both to support the weekend Backpack program.

Update on Leadership Vision/Mission Goals

During the prior calendar year, Grace church clergy, lay leadership, and staff continued to examine safety measures to return to consistent in-person activities for church members, outside auxiliaries, and small groups. This year, Grace was successful in further lifting physical distancing during worship, employing mask-optional protocols for worship and group gatherings, and consistent participation by the church choir during worship services. Such efforts continue to require care, attention, and consistent monitoring to ensure the health, well-being, and safety of all persons who come to Grace are faithfully met.

One critical area where the church has continued to develop consistent participation is our Youth Ministry. The church was successful in maintaining consistent participation in weekly in-person Sunday school for both the Children's and Youth Ministries and we are presently working in the remainder of the current calendar year to plan additional youth activities including monthly fellowship opportunities, service activities, confirmation class curriculum, and an off-premises retreat to the West River Center in 2023.

With assistance from the Stewardship of Recourses Committee, Grace also endeavored to update the Youth Fellowship room by painting and redecorating the dedicated space (and action item currently in progress) to cultivate opportunities for discipleship, faith development, and meaningful service activities for the church youth group. Additionally, Grace anticipates a confirmation class of 3-6 young people for the year 2023.

For the upcoming year, the vision/missional goals continue to involve the further development of consistent weekly attendance by members during worship; engagement by congregational members in mission and outreach activities that seek to provide justice to the underprivileged members of Baltimore City; further support of local community partners such as Manna House, GEDCO, and continued exploration of engagement with BUILD.

Congregation Engagement in Social Justice Actions

During the 2022 calendar year, Grace Church's Beloved Community small group participated in a reading and bi-weekly discussion on the book "**Be the Bridge: Pursuing God's Heart for Racial Reconciliation**" by Latasha Morrison. This discussion group gathered for 10 weeks to reflect on ways Grace church members can become change agents and increase its involvement in bridge-making initiatives within the neighboring community.

As a follow-up to this gathering, the small group reflected on actionable activities to engage the larger congregation for the remainder of the current year and into the upcoming year. These activities include but are not limited to: Visiting local and regional museums and historical sites such as the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of African American History and Culture, Harriet Tubman Museum & Education Center, the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, and a trip to Selma, Alabama (tentatively scheduled between late June and July of 2023). In addition to the following planned and proposed actions, Grace Church is planning a cross-congregation discussion and reflection gathering with Epworth United Methodist Chapel on Liberty Road.

In closing, I affirm Grace's overall commitment to actions to ensure God's love is felt by all. I am grateful to be in service in this shared ministry of the church and I am hopeful with God's help that we will continue to seek to be the church that continues to make disciples for Christ and for the further transformation of both this community and the broader world.

In Christ's Love, Rev. Levon D. Sutton

Lay Leadership at Grace Church

Each year, Grace is guided by the dedication, thoughtfulness, and gifts of many members of the church who serve in various capacities across several ministry areas. With the time, talents and commitment of these servants, Grace's ministries would not be possible. We thank all those who have served their term of service and are moving off a committee, just as we welcome those stepping into new leadership roles. The nominations above were affirmed at the Church Conference for terms of service beginning January 1, 2023.

Nominations 2023

Service begins January 1.

Church Council

Chair: Doug Schmidt
Vice-Chair: Amy Madsen
Secretary: Lyn Phelps
Lay Leader: Andy Trofatter
SORC Chair: Burt English
SPRC Chair: Becky Farace
Missions & Outreach Chair: Kelly Jackson
Worship Chair: Mark Gruber-Lebowitz
Children's Ministry Rep: Elizabeth (Biz) Shaner
Reconciling Chair: Michelle Riddle
Youth Rep: John Madsen
Lay Member to Annual Conference: Doug Schmidt
At Large Members: Amanda Graham, George Kim, Mary Aikins-Afful, Angeline Gullett, Valerie Adams, Greg Ruff, David Haile, Danell Gill, Bonnie Tarbert

Staff Parish Relations Committee

2023	2024	2025
Jim Fitzgerald	Barbara Starkey	Barbara Bond
Lynne Sharpe	Kathie Metz	John Keenan
Becky Farace, chair	Justin Graves	
Lay Leader: Andy Trofatter	Linda Cameron	Annual Conference Rep: Doug Schmidt

Stewardship of Resources Committee (SORC)*

2023	2024	2025
Priscilla Newton	Thomas Gaeng	Suzanne Stevens
Carl Armstrong	Chuck Starkey	
Bonnie Caster	Dave Beachler	
Burt English		
Al Saxon		

Doug Schmidt, Church Council Chair SPRC Representation: Becky Farace

**The Stewardship of Resources Committee was formed in 2021 as a combined of the Finance Committee and the Board of Trustees to oversee the care of Grace's finances and facility.*

Nominations and Lay Leadership

2023	2024	2025
Claire Greenhouse	Lynne Sharpe	Sheldon Gruber-Lebowitz
Kevin Shaner	Janet Ander	Kate Mullan
Chuck Starkey	Curtis Adams	
Andy Trofatter, Lay Leader		

Worship Committee

Chair: Mark Gruber-Lebowitz	
Claire Greenhouse (Altar Guild)	Amanda Graham
Barb Starkey (Chancel Choir)	Kevin Shaner
Burt English (Ushers)	Jean Smith
Debbie English (Communion Stewards)	

Hospitality Committee

Chair: Vicki Saxon	
Diane Topper	Beth Vargas
Claire Greenhouse	Biz Shaner

Shepherding Committee

Janet Ander (Prayer Ministry Coordinator)
Jack Danz, Maureen Danz, Bonnie Caster (Visitation)

Children's Ministry Team

Justin Graves	Biz Shaner	Curtis Adams
Carl Armstrong	Diane Topper	

Outreach and Mission Committee

Chair: Kelly Jackson			
Lynn Beachler	Diane Topper	Kristin McGuire	
Deborah English	Barbara Bond	Wilma Starkey	
Maureen Danz	Jean Smith	David Beachler	
<u>Investment Advisory Board</u>			
Chair: Gordon Stetz	Charles Starkey	David Beachler	Burt English
Michael Madsen	Katherine Allen	Linda Benson	
Mike McGuire	Al Saxon	Ashley Davidson	

*Stewardship of Resources Committee members are invited to attend the annual IAB meeting.

Reconciling Committee

Chair: Michelle Riddle	Ann Dahl	George Kahl
Kristin McGuire	Chris Schroeder	Patrick Onley
Anne Griffith	Barbara Starkey	Andrew Trofatter
Doug Schmidt	Greg Ruff	Sheldon Gruber-Lebowitz

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Looking Back at the Holidays



Advent and Christmas were a very busy time in the life of Grace Church. We had a successful mitten drive and Angel Tree drive, with our community coming together to help those in need. Our Christmas Pageant and potluck was a big success, showcasing the amazing talent of our children and with standing room only left in our Fellowship Hall. Proceeds from the tickets sold went to help those fleeing violence in Ukraine.

While we had to postpone our Christmas concert to January, we had a spectacular turnout and the music was beautiful, bringing the holiday spirit into the new year. Finally, as always, we welcomed in the holiday with two Christmas Eve services held in the sanctuary and livestreamed on our Facebook page and YouTube channel. We are grateful to all who made these events possible.

Thanks for a Successful Mitten Drive

Once again, Grace Church participated in an annual Mitten Drive during the 2022 Christmas season. Boxes were placed in the narthex as well as the reception area near the glass entrance, and the glass entrance the first week of December and the items received were packed for delivery on December 20th.

All collected items were distributed among three organizations. The first was Manna House, a setting where people experiencing homelessness can enjoy breakfast daily, can stay indoors at their Day Center and where case managers are available to work on all issues that they are facing. There, we distributed five bags of men's underwear, adult coats, and toiletries. Next, we were able to give Share Babies three bags of items for children below the age of five years. Share Babies is an organization that addresses the unmet basic needs of young children in Baltimore through the distribution of diapers and other essential baby supplies to more than sixty community partners. Lastly, items that were for children older than five years were given to The Well. We were able to provide one bag of items here. This organization offers programs for women and their children that help rebuild lives with workplace development, financial training and family coaching. They also connect women to rehabilitative and psychiatric help, housing and other services.

This short drive was successful. We were able to alleviate some need. All organizations were most appreciative and we, in turn, are most appreciative of Grace's members' generosity.

-Tanya Spedalere and Maureen Danz

Update on Scout Troops at Grace Church

For over sixty years, Boy Scout Troop 612, and more recently girl's Troop 612G, have been part of the ministry and life of Grace Church. Unfortunately, both Troops will become affiliated with other chartering organizations this month.

As most people know, the Boy Scouts of America filed for bankruptcy in 2020 in the face of numerous allegations of child sexual abuse. Local congregations of the United Methodist Church have traditionally been one of the largest groups of chartering institutions for local troops, and as such the UMC participated in the settlement hearings before the Bankruptcy Court.

After protracted negotiations, the national organization of the Boy Scouts of America and representatives of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church reached an agreement whereby the UMC would contribute to the BSA settlement fund in return for amended chartering agreements. The amended chartering agreements would allow the local UMC congregations to continue their affiliation with their local troops by adding important protections for the denomination and the local churches from any future legal actions.

It is our understanding that the revised Affiliation Agreements are in general use throughout the U.S. except within the Baltimore Area Council (BAC) of BSA, of which Troops 612 and 612G are a part. Because of the refusal of the BAC to use the nationally negotiated Affiliation Agreements for re-chartering local troops in UMC congregations, the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the UMC has issued strong and consistent legal advice against using the pre-bankruptcy or similar charter agreement form. Accordingly, the Trustees of Grace United Methodist Church voted reluctantly in December not to execute the prior Annual Charter Agreement provided by the BAC. At the same time, the Trustees corresponded with both the BAC and our Baltimore-Washington Conference urging them to come to an agreement that would allow us to continue our affiliation with scouting. Our heartfelt correspondence produced no movement from either party.

If you would like to read the recent correspondence between Grace Church, the BAC, and the Baltimore-Washington Conference, please speak with Rev. Levon Sutton. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Burt English, Chair of the Stewardship of the Resources Committee, Doug Schmidt, Chair of the Church Council, or a pastor. We regret the loss of Troops 612 and 612G and hope that negotiations will continue that will allow Grace Church to participate in Scouting again in the future.

Burt English, Chair of Stewardship of Resources Committee
Doug Schmidt, Chair of the Church Council
Revs. Amy McCullough and Levon Sutton, Pastors

Music Ministry at Grace

Honoring Robert Cantrell for his twenty-six years of service to our Music Ministry



This past Christmas Eve was Robert Cantrell's last worship with us after twenty-six years of service to our Music Ministry. During that special Christmas Eve worship, Robert sang a moving a cappella rendition of *Sweet Little Jesus Boy*. Those in attendance were moved to tears. On Sunday, February 19, Robert will lead us in our annual Gospel Sunday, and we will recognize Robert and remember the special moments we have shared with him over these past two and a half decades. Robert has graced us with his warmth, charm, impeccable solo-singing and dedicated leadership. Please make plans now to join us in person on February 19 as we honor Robert Cantrell.

Gospel Sunday

Join us on Sunday, February 19 for our annual Gospel Music Sunday- a Grace tradition spanning twenty years! A large chorus of 35+ singers will be led and accompanied by Robert Cantrell on piano, Kevin Shaner on bass guitar, and John Locke on percussion. Songs from the Gospel and Spirituals tradition will include *Lift Every Voice and Sing*, *We've Come this Far by Faith*, *We Shall Overcome*, *Glad to Be of Service*, and *He Has Done Great Things for Me*. Those wishing to sing with the chorus are encouraged to attend weekly Sunday rehearsals starting Sunday, January 29 at 9:30 a.m. in the Chancel area of the sanctuary.

Music at Grace Concert Series

Thank you to everyone who have supported our concert series with your financial gifts. We hope all of you will consider supporting us with your presence and attendance at our upcoming concerts.

Sunday, February 5 • 4:00 p.m.
WINTER RADIANCE: Fauré Requiem and Haydn
Symphonies #2 and #17
BACH IN BALTIMORE
Herb Dimmock, Conductor

Join Maestro T. Herbert Dimmock, the Bach in Baltimore Choir and Orchestra, plus special guests for a sparkling concert illuminating Fauré's Requiem and a pair of Haydn symphonies. Unlike large-scale requiems by Verdi, Brahms, and others, Fauré's work exudes a gentle stillness and ethereal spirituality. Fauré composed his Requiem following his father's death, and his mother passed away shortly after it premiered, giving the work added poignancy. American composer Aaron Copland said of the piece, "Those aware of musical refinements cannot help but admire the transparent texture, the clarity of thought, the well-shaped proportions. Together they constitute a kind of Fauré magic that is difficult to analyze but lovely to hear." The concert also includes Haydn's cheerful Symphony No. 2 in C Major—noteworthy for the quick, dance-like finale



that was his first attempt at a symphonic rondo—and Symphony No. 17 in F major, which ends playfully and is sure to bring a smile to your face.

For tickets, visit www.bachinbaltimore.org. Grace members can purchase a discounted rate of \$15.00 using PROMO CODE "GUMC" at checkout.

Saturday, March 11 • 7:30 p.m.
VISIONS, DREAMS & FLYING MACHINES
THE HANDEL CHOIR OF BALTIMORE

Gaze upon the origins of our universe, marvel at Da Vinci's dreams of flight, and celebrate the wonders of modern communication – all via an immersive multimedia choral experience. Handel Choir's performance combines light, art, live electronics, Baroque treasures, a favorite party piece of The King's Singers, and a rediscovered work by Maryland prodigy Mark Fax.

For tickets, visit www.handelchoir.org

Friday, March 24 • 7:00 p.m.
TWO PIANO/FOUR HAND PIANO CONCERT

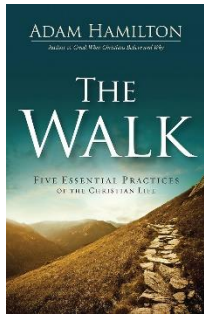
Artists Kathryn Locke & Chris Schroeder present Edvard Grieg's beautiful *Old Norwegian Romance with Variations* and the humorous musical suite *Carnival of the Animals* by Camille Saint-Saëns on two Steinway pianos housed at Grace Church. This event is free with a suggested free-will offering of \$20 per person to support the Music at Grace Concert Series.



Looking Ahead to Lent...

Worship with us on Ash Wednesday!

Grace will hold two services on Ash Wednesday, February 22, at 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Both services will be held in the sanctuary, as well as livestreamed on our Facebook page and YouTube channel for those who are unable to attend in-person.



Go on The Walk with Rev. Sutton!

For this year's Lenten book study, Rev. Sutton will be leading us in reading Adam Hamilton's book titled: "The Walk: Five Essential Practices of a Christian Life." The book aims to deepen our walk with Christ as the author explores the five essential practices of worship, study, serving, giving, and bearing witness to our faith. Contact Rev. Sutton (levon@graceunitedmethodist.org) for more information.

Adopt a spiritual practice with our Children's Ministry!

Our Children's Ministry encourages you to adopt a spiritual practice. You'll find on the Children's Ministry page on our website and in E-Notes resources for developing spiritual practices with the kids in your life. Visit www.graceunitedmethodist.org/connect-learn/childrens-ministries to learn more and get a free printable Lenten Activity.

Empty Bowls Painting and Service Day

Come paint a bowl and help fight hunger in Baltimore City! On Sunday, March 26 at 11:15 a.m. Grace will host an afternoon of painting empty bowls, which are then be donated for auction. Empty Bowls is a grassroots movement across the world to raise money for food-related charities that care for and feed the hungry in their communities. Baltimore's auction is hosted by St. Vincent de Paul and proceeds from these decorated bowls go to their hunger services, providing needed support to ending hunger in Baltimore city. Mark your calendar now. More details to come.

Join us for our Easter Egg Hunt!

Grace's Children's Ministry will also be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 2 at 11:15 a.m. following our 10:00 a.m. worship service. We invite everyone to join us for this event that's sure to be fun for the whole family.

Within the Family at Grace

A Note from June Peterson

“Thanks to all for their thoughts and prayers. I have felt surrounded, and supported, by a caring and grace-filled community.”

-June Peterson

A Tribute to Kitty Allen

During worship on December 18, 2022, we honored and recognized Kitty Allen for her many years of service at Grace Church. Below, please find my tribute to you that I read during worship that Sunday.

– Chris Schroeder

It will be impossible to name all of the ways in which our friend, Kitty Allen has shown her love for Grace Church and especially her love for the music ministry here at Grace. Long before I began my tenure here, Kitty was intricately involved in the music ministry not only as a supporter but also as a participant: whether it was singing in the alto section of the choir for many years, or creating and proofing concert programs, creating and mailing concert series brochures and even assisting Bruce Eicher in the selection of a new organ console, which involved traveling to CA to visit various churches and hearing various organs. Kitty was so important and dear to Bruce that he named one of the organ stops in her honor. You may not know this, but one of the organ stops on the solo division of this organ, is named the “Kitty Allen French Horn”. I even used it this morning during the Gathering Music – during the middle section of the Pastorale. With that organ stop, you, Kitty will be forever etched upon the music ministry at Grace Church.

But more importantly, you are etched in our hearts and in mine. Since my first day here at Grace, you have been a significant and strong supporter for my ministry and you have been in so many ways, my number one fan, continuing the work that you had done for Bruce, by helping me creating programs and brochures. You even spent this past Friday evening proofing today’s concert program for me.

Thank you, dear friend, for all that you are and all that you have done to keep the music alive here at Grace Church. We are forever grateful, and we love you dearly!

DEATHS

Judy Jones Hickey on December 23, 2022

Susan Strahan on December 28, 2022

Stephen Gilbert on January 4, 2023

Altar Flowers at Grace

February 5- Chris Schroeder

- 12- Kathy Cosgrove & Ann Kaiser Stearns
- 19- Kelly Jackson, Elaine & Priscilla Newton
- 26- Jeaneen Wingate & David Brock

March 5- Lee Gough &...

- 12- Ann Kaiser Stearns &...
- 19- Tom Lynn & Carolyn Benfer
- 26- Tom Gordon

Altar flowers are \$27 a vase. If you are interested in donating a vase, contact Claire Greenhouse at aschoolrn@verizon.net or (410)337-7407.

Wishing a Happy Birthday to All Celebrating in February!

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| 2/1 | Pat Volker | 2/18 | Carter Benson-Williams, Cole Benson-Williams, Elliott DiFillipis, Nick DeMetrick, Steven Paylor |
| 2/2 | Caroline Thomas, Marian Yanega | 2/19 | Allen Kessell |
| 2/5 | Danell Gill | 2/21 | Eric Benfer, Jesse Siegel |
| 2/6 | Sarah Atwood-Starkey | 2/23 | Esi Yarney |
| 2/7 | Morgan Scott | 2/24 | Barbara Jackson |
| 2/8 | Bonnie Caster, Kelly Jackson | 2/25 | Robert Smith, Paige Stevens |
| 2/11 | Kelly Painter | 2/26 | Karl Schillinger |
| 2/12 | Constance Mech | 2/27 | Molly Farrugia, Bob Volker |
| 2/16 | Alicia Metz | 2/28 | Curtis Adams, Bob Schaefer |
| 2/17 | Laura Getschel | 2/29 | Jody Wiseman |

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