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~ from the Grace Church Staff

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From Pastor Rob's Desk



Dear Friends,

It is almost 2020. Every time, I hear that phrase (2020) I hear it in Barbra Walters' voice! It is a time of new beginnings; A new year and a new decade. I like new beginnings. There is something about them that is fresh and clean. As a teacher, there is a nice feeling about a clean grade book at the beginning of the school year or semester. So it is with a new year, there is a chance to start fresh.

I will admit that I am not a New Years fan. Perhaps it's the post-Christmas blues (which I do get), but New Years Eve has never been a day I enjoyed. I have tried church services on that night and given it a spiritual spin. I have gone out and partied with friends, I have stayed home and partied with friends. Never with much enjoyment. But my New Year's "grinch-iness" aside, there is something spiritual for us to learn as we start the New Year. It is a reminder about the reality of grace, forgiveness and second chances. As the New Year presents an artificially created second chance for us to make resolutions, so too, our faith reminds us that with God, there is always a chance to start again. We can make New Years Day, or ANY day for that matter, a chance to start again. In Christ we are assured of a clean slate whenever we want it. We can decide to start over. With our faith, we can start again. With our marriage, we can start again. With our children or friends, we can start over again. There is a chance to acknowledge our past, the good the bad and the ugly, and pledge to start anew.

So, what are those things that will be for us a fresh start as we enter the new year? Will we commit to becoming more patient at home or with coworkers? Will we commit to making worship a priority so that our faith grows, and we mature in our spirituality? Maybe we can commit to more financial responsibility, perhaps by spending less on every day expenses so we can pay off a credit card or save for that vacation we've always wanted.

There are lots of things in life that we could do better. May this New Year be a chance to start again. To reevaluate our priorities and actions and how they reflect who we really believe we are. And may we find the strength to begin again.



Happy New Year!

Pastor Rob +

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SAVE THE DATE: Winterfest at Grace—Saturday, February 1st



Saturday, February 1st, 2020

Hosted by Grace UCC

w/ Frederick Sister City Association

Beer ~ Brats ~ Glühwein

Volunteers needed!

Let Pastor Rob know you can help.

Sanctuary Audio/Video Project News!



DID YOU KNOW...

Grace UCC has a YouTube channel!

Watch our Sermons and Choir on YouTube @ GraceLiveFrederick

Videos are normally posted weekly and ready to view by Sunday Evening.

View our sermons and choir anthems on YouTube. Just search on Youtube or on Google for GraceLiveFrederick. **Please take time to subscribe!**

Join the GraceLiveFrederick Team!

When we reach 100 subscribers we get additional features.



Sanctuary Audio/Video Project Update

We continue our work towards completing our AV system installation the goal of being able to provide in-service projection on the wall, and live streaming to the internet. At the moment ONLY the sermon and the anthems are being posted on the internet. Any change in this will be clearly communicated.

Please join the Grace AV Team! We need both system operators and individuals to discuss privacy and policy, and to help brainstorm ideas to grow our digital footprint!

If you are interested please speak with Mark Edwards or email mse103@mac.com

Links to all YouTube@GraceLiveFrederick videos can also be found at grucc.com under Sermons.



FACEBOOK -- Do you have photos from Grace Church events? If you would like to see them on the Grace Church Facebook page, please e-mail them to photos.grucc@gmail.com.

Thank you! ~ Trevor Addie, Outreach Comm. Chair

Mission, Outreach, and Volunteer Opportunities

Food Drive



NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS NEEDED.
FOR EXAMPLE: PEANUT BUTTER ~ PASTA ~ RICE
SPAGHETTI ~ TOMATO SAUCE ~ CEREAL
CANNED FISH ~ CANNED MEATS

FCAA - Food Bank "Grace Groceries" Collection

On the third Sunday of every month, we dedicate the "Grace Groceries" that have been collected in our little red wagon (in the narthex), and then deliver them to the Frederick Foodbank.

~Thank you for your continued generosity!

*Grace UCC collected
over 50 items of food
for the Food Bank
in November.*



Join Grace on Sunday, February 16 at 4:45 PM
At Frederick Community Action Agency's (FCAA) Soup Kitchen
Come Help Serve!

Volunteers from **Grace serve at the Soup Kitchen** on the 3rd Sunday of even months. It's a rewarding mission experience and we always have fun. Won't you join us? Meet at 4:45 PM at the FCAA Soup Kitchen—14 East All Saints Street, Frederick, MD 21701. Contact Jerry Princler at jerryprin@comcast.net or Trevor Addie at trevor.grucc@gmail.com for details or with questions.



THE RELIGIOUS COALITION'S EMERGENCY FAMILY SHELTER AT GRACE UCC

After being on hiatus due to basement kitchen reconstruction, the Emergency Family Shelter returned to Grace Church in November 2019!

The next scheduled dates will be in the New Year: weeks beginning February 8th, 2020, May 9, 2020, August 8, 2020, and November 14, 2020. Volunteers are needed, welcome and highly encouraged. Commitments are as short as a 1 hour set-up or take-down shift or 2 hour shifts in the evening. If interested in volunteering please contact Carol Garrison or Trevor Addie at trevor.grucc@gmail.com to sign-up or fill out a volunteer application.

Outreach Commission Upcoming Mission Project

CWS Emergency Cleanup Buckets



You can provide assistance to families and communities affected by flooding, tornados and other disasters.

Grace will be collecting items for these buckets throughout January.

Happy New Year to all Grace Church members. We will begin our Missions work this year by once more holding a supply drive for Church World Service. This year's project is an Emergency Clean Up Bucket Drive. Throughout January, Grace Church will be collecting five (5) gallon buckets with resealable lids, scouring pads, sponges, scrub brushes, and more to be donated to assist families and communities affected by flooding, tornadoes, and other disasters. A complete list of needed supplies as well as options for monetary donations can be found at <https://cwskits.org/assemble-kits/emergency-cleanup-buckets/>.



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Did you know!

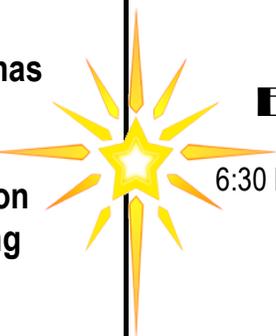


Lex Orandi Lex Credendi (The rule of Praying is the Rule of Believing)

Worship is an important part of the life of the Church. It is, in fact, our central act. Lots of groups do service projects. Other groups have social activities. Some others care for the homeless or the poor or work with reintegrating those previously imprisoned. The religious community is the only one that worships. That's because we exist to worship. We don't exist to help the poor. We exist to be in a relationship with God, which in turn compels us to help the poor.

Some churches worship in contemporary ways, others in more traditional ones. Why do we worship the way we do? Why not scrap the fancy stuff and just get a drum set where the altar is? Well, that's how some churches choose to worship. The UCC is a part of the German Reformed Tradition and as such we have inherited a rich liturgical tradition. We didn't invent our worship. Did you know that what we do on Sunday is rooted in traditions that are thousands of years old? Our worship outline is reflective of the synagogue worship of early Judaism. The words we pray in the communion prayer, for instance, come from the liturgy of St. Hippolytus, written in the 1st Century! When we pray those words, there are generations of Christians who have prayed them too!

So on Sundays, remember the rootedness of our faith! We do not stand alone but rather on the shoulders of generations of fathers and mothers who have paved the way.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<h1>JANUARY 2020</h1>		<p style="text-align: center;">Dec 31 New Year's Eve</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:30 PM MKP (DR)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Second Sunday after Christmas Another Road 9:45 AM Christian Educ. 11 AM Worship & Communion Rev. Esther Zieger preaching</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EPIPHANY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:30 PM/TFC Young Adults</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">7</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:30 PM MKP (DR)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">12</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Baptism of Christ Possibilities Unfolding 9:45 AM Christian Educ. 11 AM Worship</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">13</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7 PM Finance & Property Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">14</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:30 PM MKP (DR)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Second Sunday after Epiphany All That We Are 9:45 AM Christian Educ. 11 AM Worship</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Martin Luther King Jr. Day</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:30 PM/TFC Young Adults</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">21</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:30 PM MKP (DR)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">26</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Third Sunday after Epiphany 9:45 AM Christian Educ. 11 AM Worship (S) Following Worship: January Birthday Celebration</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">27</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">28</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:30 PM MKP (DR)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00 PM Church Council Meet</p>

	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<p>1</p>  <p>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:30 PM GAMMA</p> <p>7:00 PM Disciple Bible Study</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
	<p>8</p> <p>6:30 PM TFC Youth Group</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:00 PM TFC Youth Cmte</p> <p>7:00 PM Disciple Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 PM MKP2</p> <p>7:00 PM TFC Board Mtg</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
	<p>15</p> <p>6:30 PM TFC Youth Group</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6 PM FCHD support group</p> <p>7:00 PM Disciple Bible Study</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
	<p>22</p> <p>6:30 PM TFC Youth Group</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:00 PM Disciple Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 PM MKP2</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
ing	<p>29</p> <p>6:30 PM TFC Youth Group</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:00 PM Disciple Bible Study</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Feb 1</p> <p>SAVE THE DATE</p> <p>Time: TBA</p> <p>Winterfest at Grace</p> <p>w/ Sister City Assoc.</p> <p>Beer~Brats~Glühwein</p>

Church Council and Commission Chairs

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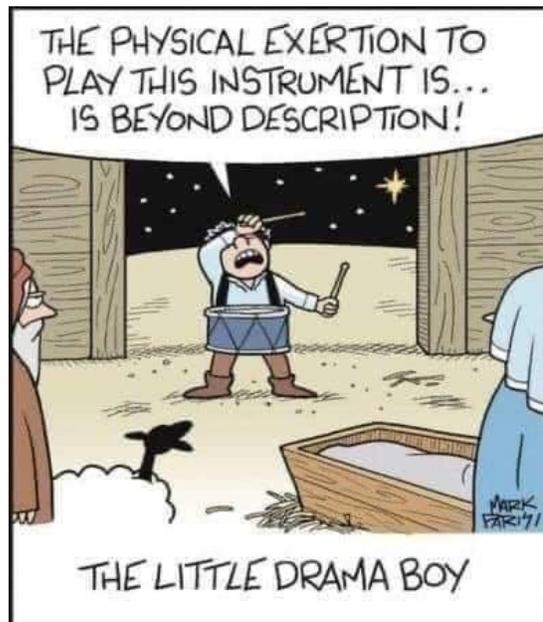
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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Pamela Kehne	January 01
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Gerald Princler	January 17
Debbie Kula	January 18
Virginia Taylor	January 21
Sergei Travis	January 22
Robin Haak	January 26
Erica Powell	January 29
Doris White	January 31



Monthly Birthday Celebration

On the last Sunday of every month, the Congregational Life Commission hosts a birthday party for everyone who celebrated a birthday during that month. ***(Please be sure that your birthday is on file with the church office so that we can celebrate you!)***

Church Facility Use

Planning an Event at the Church?

Always Contact the Church Office to Schedule!

Are you planning an event at the Church? If so, PLEASE remember to call the church office and make sure to get on the calendar ASAP. This means BEFORE you make plans, invite people, advertise, etc...

The church building is getting increasingly busy throughout the week and we'd like to avoid embarrassing double-bookings. **Thanks so much!!**



To Everyone Using the Church Building ...

Please be good stewards of our church building. **If you are the last one leaving the building;** Please make sure all lights are turned off in all rooms, hallways, entry ways and that doors are firmly closed and locked. If you see something that may need to be addressed by the Church Finance and Property Commission please contact the church office.

~ Thank you in advance for helping to take care of our church building and grounds and helping to keep it a safe, clean, and green environment for everyone!



FREE WEBCAST PRESENTED BY INSURANCE BOARD

CONFRONTING VIOLENCE IN HOUSES OF WORSHIP

**MICHAEL MCMASTERS, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
&
RYAN NEUMEYER, ATTORNEY AT LAW**

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For All the Saints

William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, January 10th



William Laud, born in 1573, was Archbishop of Canterbury from 1633 to 1645 in the days of King Charles I. It was a turbulent time throughout, one of violent divisions in the Church of England, eventually culminating in the English Civil War.

An example is the surplice controversy. We have all encountered Christians who are opposed to celebrating Christmas on the grounds that (a) the Bible nowhere commands us to celebrate Christmas, and does not mention the 25th of December; and (b) the pagans had a festival in December at which they built fires and feasted and exchanged gifts, from which it follows that those who celebrate Christmas are participating in pagan rites. Similarly, in the late 1500's and early 1600's, there were Christians in England who objected to the garment called the surplice. When participating in the services of Morning and Evening Prayer in Church, clergy, including choir members, normally wore a cassock (a black, floor-length, fairly tight-fitting garment) covered by a surplice (a white, knee-length, fairly loose garment with loose sleeves). The Puritans objected to the surplice (a) as not mentioned in the Bible, and (b) as something that the Roman Catholics had worn before the Reformation, which made it one of the props of idolatrous worship and marked anyone who wore it as an idolater. Archbishop Laud regarded it as a seemly, dignified, garment, an appropriate response to the Apostle Paul's injunction, "Let all things be done decently and in order." The Puritans thought differently, and violently interrupted services at which the surplice was worn. On one occasion, a group of Puritans broke into an Oxford chapel the night before a service and stole the surplices, which they thrust into a dung-pit of a privy. Again, a woman marched into Lichfield Cathedral, accompanied by the town clerk and his wife, and ruined the altar hangings with a bucket of pitch.

Under English Law, it was part of Laud's office as Archbishop to maintain order and to punish offences against the peace of the Church. He made it his practice to proceed not only against poor and obscure offenders, but also, perhaps especially, against rich and powerful ones. It is well that men should be equal before the law, but his integrity on this point ultimately cost Laud his life.

Laud made enemies chiefly in three ways. (1) He punished those who attacked the Church, both those who vandalized and those who confined themselves to verbal abuse. (2) He upheld various customs in public worship (such as the wearing of the surplice) that were harmless in themselves, but which aroused the suspicion and fury of those who feared a return to power of Roman Catholicism. (3) He sought the financial independence of the clergy, so that a preacher was not dependent on what support the local squire was pleased to give him. His proposed means to this end was to restore to the Church some of the Church lands that had been seized by Henry VIII and given or sold to various nobles and gentlemen.

In 1637 an attempt was made to introduce the Book of Common Prayer into general use in Scotland, and it immediately caused rioting. In February of 1638, Scottish leaders signed the National Covenant, by which they pledged themselves to uphold the Puritan position by force, and by the end of the year they had voted to depose and excommunicate every bishop in Scotland. The unrest spread to England, and in 1640 Laud was arrested on a charge of high treason. He was kept in the Tower for four years, and tried in 1644, at the age of seventy-one. He was found guilty, not because there was any evidence of his guilt, but because the House of

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For All the Saints (cont'd)

Commons was determined that he should die. On the scaffold he prayed: "The Lord receive my soul, and have mercy on me, and bless this kingdom with peace and charity, that there may not be this effusion of Christian blood amongst them."

Trivia: How is Archbishop Laud related to Grace Church??? He is in Pastor Rob's ordination Genealogy! Archbishop William Laud is 13 Bishops back in Pastor Rob's line of succession! (Which is a fun fact but means absolutely nothing in the real world.)

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## Caring and Sharing



Following is a list of members and friends of our Grace Church family who are currently ill, home-bound, recovering from an injury or surgery, or hospitalized. If you know of other folks who should be added to this list, please contact Pastor Rob at 240-217-2768 or call the church office.

- Millie Davis            801 Pine Ave., Frederick, MD 21701
- Joe Free                Citizens Nursing & Rehab Center
- Miriam Himes        Edenton, Orchard Terrace, 5905 Edenton Court, Room #705, Frederick, MD 21702
- Charlotte Hoover    7404 Willow Road, Nursing at Meadows, Frederick, MD 21702
- Pam Kehne            1632 Wall Dr., Pasadena, MD 21122
- Betty Linton         Sunrise Senior Living    990 Waterford Dr., Unit 206, Frederick, MD 21702

### A PASTORAL CARE NOTE:

Due to the current HIPAA (Privacy) laws, hospitals are not permitted to contact churches on behalf of patients. If you know of a church member who is hospitalized, please inform the church office.

In the case of an emergency hospitalization (whether yourself or a family member), please contact Pastor Rob at 240-217-2768 or call the church office.

## Finance and Property Commission News

**The Kitchen Project has been completed!  
Come have a look at this newly renewed space.**

A Sunday Morning breakfast will be held soon to bless the space. Look for information in upcoming bulletins and all-church email.

### Pledging is up for 2020!

We have had an increase in nearly all pledge giving for 2020 from the previous year.

We have also received many new pledges!

***Thank you for your faithful giving and support of Grace UCC! This church could not be without you!***

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