



The Grace Vine

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Outreach Ministry Commission News

In the Street was a hit!

Grace UCC hosted a table at In the Street on September 14th. Face Painting was a hit for all ages! Thank you to all who volunteered and who came out to see us!



From Pastor Rob's Desk



Dear Friends,

October is finally here! While Summer is my favorite season, (mostly because I love the weather), I get excited when October comes around. It seems like there is something exciting every few weeks this time of year. There is always something to decorate or a party to attend. The next fun event is never more than a month away and if you didn't know this about me...I'm a fan of Christmas (shocker, I know).

As we look to October, we celebrate some things at Church as well! Our second Trunk or Treat event on the 26th, will hopefully be a lot more fun than last year's rain soaked one was. October will see our annual stewardship campaign when we are given the opportunity to reflect on the many ways that we are blessed each year by our faith and our church family. We also remember the many ways we can give back, blessing others in God's name.

When I was first in ministry, a church member shared a poem she found called October's Bright Blue Weather. It was cheesy for sure, but it did sum up the beauty of the world around us during this time of year. The bright blue sky, the colors of the leaves and the feeling of the cool crisp air mixed with the delightful smell of a woodstove, drying leaves and pumpkin spice everything. It really is a lovely time of year and one which can remind us of the many blessings we receive all throughout the year.

May this October be one filled with blue skies and wonderful smells for you. May it be a time you experience the joy of celebration with those you love.

Blessings!

Pastor Rob +

Blessing
of the
Animals



Sunday, October 6th — 1:30 PM
Bring your furry (or not so furry)
friends to Grace UCC for a blessing.

Outreach Commission Upcoming Events

Our Sister Church — Saint Lamberti in Weferlingen, Germany



Thomas's Last Service and his birthday . July 28th

Grace UCC is proud to have a sisterhood with Saint Lamberti Church in Weferlingen, Germany. Saint Lamberti sends their greetings to the people of Grace Church! While in Germany, Pastor Rob met Saint Lamberti's council president, Christina. The two discussed our partnership between Grace and Saint Lamberti, planned a date for our Churches to sign the covenant together, and discussed mission projects that each of us could share from our two locations."



Mission Project with Saint Lamberti Operation Christmas Child Now through mid-November

This year we have received an invitation from our Sister Church St Lamberti's in Weferlingen, Germany, to join them in their annual Christmas mission project, Operation Christmas Child.

How do you help?

You can pack a shoebox! (or 2 or 5 or 10!) - Flyers with instructions are inserted in this newsletter and also available in the Good Shepherd Room.

Take a shoebox, and fill it with gifts for a boy or girl. Hygiene items, flip flops, stuffed animals, balls, sticker books, playing cards, etc... The shoe boxes will be sent to children in need throughout the world. In addition to your shoebox, you are asked to donate \$9 per box to cover the cost of the shipping. Drop your finished shoebox in the Good Shepherd Room. Collection dates are mid November, so watch for upcoming details!

Thanks for Packing a Shoebox!

Congregational Life Fall Events: SAVE THE DATES

**Pastor's Appreciation Day at Grace
Sunday, October 13, 2019**



If you would like to present something special for the Pastors, contact Gwen Edwards at ggedwards922@gmail.com. We are also collecting gift donations to present to the Pastors on October 13th during Worship Service. Make sure your donation is clearly marked: Pastor's Appreciation Day.

Halloween Trunk or Treat at Grace — Please Donate Candy for the event!



Calling all Ghouls and Goblins!

**Saturday, October 26, 2019
10AM-Noon — in front of the church**

(Grace is also a "potty stop" for all trick-or-treaters enjoying "Halloween in Downtown Frederick".)

Visit Frederick will be holding "Halloween in Downtown Frederick" on Saturday, October 26-10AM to Noon.

Grace invites Family Support agencies to join us by setting up a table, giving out candy and information about the services their agency offers and speaking with families about those services. If you know of an agency that should be at this event; please reach out and ask them to join us on Saturday, October 26th in front of Grace UCC for this FREE, fun and enriching family event. We will have tables and chairs available for them.



**IDEAS
FOR
FALL
FUN**

Family Day, Corn Maze or Haunted House!
We could use a leader!
Contact Gwen at ggedwards922@gmail.com



**Thanksgiving Dinner at Grace
Sunday, November 24th
After Worship**

Grace invites everyone for Thanksgiving Dinner after worship.

Movie/Wrapping Night

Date TBD.

We will show a Christmas movie and wrap gifts for free.

Donations welcome!



We are starting to look into the New Year; if you have event suggestions for something you would like to lead, let Gwen Edwards know. We want the congregation to bring ideas to the table and lead those ideas. It could be an outing or Craft Day or ...use your imagination!

Mission, Outreach, and Volunteer Opportunities



**Join Grace on Sunday, October 20th 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 jerry-prin@comcast.net or Trevor Addie at trevor.grucc@gmail.com for details or with questions.

Or, you can go on your own...The Soup Kitchen is always in need of volunteers to staff the soup kitchen and serve food to homeless individuals and needy families. Volunteers are needed M-F, 5-7pm to serve prepared meals and then clean up. It is an enjoyable and rewarding volunteer activity that does not require any special skills. For more information, please contact Sarah McAleavy at 301-600-6263.

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.

Food Drive



Grace UCC collected 84 items of food for the Food Bank in August and September.

~Thank you for your continued generosity!

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

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**The Good Samaritan Fund at Grace**

**Grace UCC collects** for designated emergency relief to members and friends of Grace Church. Only the pastor and person in need know who receives assistance. Donations to the fund are welcome at any time, in any amount. If you can help, please place a check in the offering plate made out to Grace Church with "Good Samaritan Fund" on the memo line. Thank you!

# October 2019

**SUNDAY**

**MONDAY**

**TUESDAY**

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                       |                                                                            |
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| <p>29<br/>16th Sunday after Pentecost<br/>9:45 AM Christian Educ.<br/>11 AM Worship (S)<br/>Following worship:<br/>September Birthday Celebration</p>                                                                                                                            | <p>30<br/><br/><i>Rosh Hashanah</i></p>                                               | <p>1<br/><br/>6:30 PM ManKind Project</p>                                  |
| <p>6<br/>17th Sunday after Pentecost<br/>NIN Offering<br/>World Communion Sunday<br/>9:45 AM Christian Educ.<br/>11 AM Worship &amp; Communion<br/><b>1:30 PM Blessing of the Animals</b></p>  | <p>7<br/><br/>6:30 PM/TFC Young Adults</p>                                            | <p>8<br/><br/>6:30 PM ManKind Project</p>                                  |
| <p>13<br/>18th Sunday after Pentecost<br/><b>PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY</b><br/>9:45 AM Christian Educ.<br/>11 AM Worship</p>                                                                                                                                                       | <p>14<br/>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE<br/><br/><b>7 PM Finance &amp; Property Meeting</b></p> | <p>15<br/><br/>6:30 PM ManKind Project</p>                                 |
| <p>20<br/>19th Sunday after Pentecost<br/>9:45 AM Christian Educ.<br/>11 AM Worship (S)<br/><br/><b>5PM Grace serves at FCAA Soup Kitchen</b></p>                                                                                                                                | <p>21<br/><br/>6:30 PM/TFC Young Adults</p>                                           | <p>22<br/><br/>6:30 PM ManKind Project<br/><b>7 PM Council Meeting</b></p> |
| <p>27<br/>20th Sunday after Pentecost<br/>9:45 AM Christian Educ.<br/>11 AM Worship (S)<br/>Following worship:<br/>October Birthday Celebration</p>                                                                                                                              | <p>28<br/><br/><i>Rosh Hashanah</i></p>                                               | <p>29<br/><br/>6:30 PM ManKind Project</p>                                 |

|  <b>WEDNESDAY</b> |  |  <b>THURSDAY</b> |  |  <b>FRIDAY</b> |  |  <b>SATURDAY</b>                                                                                                                     |  |
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| <p>2</p> <p>6:30 PM TFC Youth Group</p>                                                          |  | <p>3</p> <p>6:30 PM GAMMA</p>                                                                     |  | <p>4</p>                                                                                         |  | <p>5</p>  <p><b>CHURCH CLEANING &amp; CLUTTER DAY 10AM</b></p> <p>~</p> <p>UCC Central Atlantic Conf. Annual Meeting in Bethesda</p> |  |
| <p>9</p> <p>6:30 PM TFC Youth Group</p>                                                          |  | <p>10</p> <p>6:00 PM TFC Youth Cmte<br/>7:00 PM TFC Board Mtg</p>                                 |  | <p>11</p> <p>1 PM Coffee w/COIPP (GSR)</p>                                                       |  | <p>12</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| <p>16</p> <p>6:30 PM TFC Youth Group</p>                                                         |  | <p>17</p> <p>6 PM FCHD support group</p>                                                          |  | <p>18</p>                                                                                        |  | <p>19</p> <p><b>Brehmer/Schaefer Wedding</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
| <p>23</p> <p>6:30 PM TFC Youth Group</p>                                                         |  | <p>24</p>                                                                                         |  | <p>25</p> <p>1:30 PM Coffee w/COIPP (GSR)</p>                                                    |  |  <p><b>TRUNK OR TREAT at Grace 10AM-Noon</b></p> <p>~</p> <p>PM West/Steinhoff Wedding (non-GRUCC)</p>                             |  |
| <p>30</p> <p>6:30 PM TFC Youth Group</p>                                                         |  | <p>31</p>      |  |                                                                                                  |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |

**Grace Youth Forward**



**"Wanted: Ideas for Youth Events and Gatherings"**

Past successes have been the Frederick Fair Youth Day and snow-tubing. **Pastor Jessica wants to know what else you would like to do?**

Speak to or e-mail Pastor Jessica with ideas at [jessica.townsley@ctschicago.edu](mailto:jessica.townsley@ctschicago.edu)

*All youth grades 6-12 are welcome! Bring a friend!  
We're looking forward to more fun and fellowship with our Youth!*

Please direct questions to Pastor Jessica at [jessica.townsley@ctschicago.edu](mailto:jessica.townsley@ctschicago.edu).

~ Peace, Pastor Jessica



**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

|                      |            |
|----------------------|------------|
| Ryan Howe            | October 06 |
| Elizabeth Tabbachino | October 09 |
| Miriam Himes         | October 10 |
| Joan Hankey          | October 14 |
| Michael Shores       | October 14 |
| Betty Linton         | October 21 |
| Catherine Leatherman | October 22 |
| Robert Apgar         | October 23 |
| Jean Barrick         | October 29 |

**OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES**



|                  |                                                                                       |        |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| October 01, 1949 | <b>Sarah &amp; Bill Drenning</b><br>7401 Willow Rd.<br>Apt. 129<br>Frederick MD 21702 | 70 yrs |
| October 01, 2011 | <b>Jenn &amp; Terry Kaufman</b><br>423 White Oak Place<br>Frederick MD 21701          | 8 yrs  |
| October 06, 2006 | <b>Cass &amp; Ronald Hammond</b><br>18071 Crampton Lane<br>Sharpsburg MD 21782        | 13 yrs |
| October 25, 2008 | <b>Richelle &amp; Mark Schmitz</b><br>5813 Rosebay Court<br>Frederick MD 21703        | 11 yrs |

**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!)***

## Caring and Sharing — Grace Folks in Need



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.

|                  |                                                                              |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Marj Curran      | 3636 16th Street, NW, B-811, Washington, DC 20010-1167                       |
| 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 |
|                  | <b>90th Birthday—October 10, 2019</b>                                        |
| 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       |
|                  | <b>91st Birthday—October 21, 2019</b>                                        |

### 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.

### 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 Facility ...

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 facility!

## For All the Saints



### The Oxford Martyrs:

#### Hugh Latimer, Nicholas Ridley and Thomas Cranmer (October 16<sup>th</sup>)

When Henry the Eighth of England died, he left three heirs: his son Edward and his two daughters, Mary and Elizabeth. Edward succeeded to the throne and was a staunch Protestant (or at least his advisors were). Under his rule, the church services, previously in Latin, were translated into English, and other changes were made. When Edward died, the throne passed to his sister Mary, who was firmly Roman Catholic in her beliefs. She

determined to return England to union with the Pope. With more diplomacy, she might have succeeded. But she was headstrong and would take no advice. Her mother had been Spanish, and she determined to marry the heir to the throne of Spain, not realizing how much her people (of all religious persuasions) feared that this would make England a province of the Spanish Empire. She insisted that the best way to deal with heresy was to turn as many heretics as possible. (It is worth noting that her husband was opposed to this.) In the course of a five-year reign, she lost all the English holdings on the continent of Europe, she lost the affection of her people, and she lost any chance of a peaceful religious settlement in England. Of the nearly three hundred persons burned by her orders, the most famous are the Oxford Martyrs, commemorated today.

Hugh Latimer was famous as a preacher. He was Bishop of Worcester (pronounced WOOS-ter) in the time of King Henry, but resigned in protest against the King's refusal to allow the Protestant reforms that Latimer desired. Latimer's sermons speak little of doctrine; he preferred to urge men to upright living and devoutness in prayer. But when Mary came to the throne, he was arrested, tried for heresy, and burned together with his friend Nicholas Ridley. His last words at the stake are well known: "Be of good cheer, Master Ridley, and play the man, for we shall this day light such a candle in England as I trust by God's grace shall never be put out." Nicholas Ridley became an adherent of the Protestant cause while a student at Cambridge. He was a friend of Archbishop Cranmer and became private chaplain first to Cranmer and then to King Henry. Under the reign of Edward, he became bishop of Rochester, and was part of the committee that drew up the first English Book of Common Prayer. When Mary came to the throne, he was arrested, tried, and burned with Latimer at Oxford on 16 October 1555.

Thomas Cranmer was Archbishop of Canterbury in the days of Henry, and defended the position that Henry's marriage to Katharine of Aragon (Spain) was null and void. When Edward came to the throne, Cranmer was foremost in translating the worship of the Church into English (his friends and enemies agree that he was an extraordinarily gifted translator) and securing the use of the new forms of worship. When Mary came to the throne, Cranmer was in a quandary. He had believed, with a fervor that many people today will find hard to understand, that it is the duty of every Christian to obey the monarch, and that "the powers that be are ordained of God" (Romans 13). As long as the monarch was ordering things that Cranmer thought good, it was easy for Cranmer to believe that the king was sent by God's providence to guide the people in the path of true religion, and that disobedience to the king was disobedience to God. Now Mary was Queen, and commanding him to return to the Roman obedience. Cranmer five times wrote a letter of submission to the Pope and to

## For All the Saints (cont'd)

Roman Catholic doctrines, and four times he tore it up. In the end, he submitted. However, Mary was unwilling to believe that the submission was sincere, and he was ordered to be burned at Oxford on 21 March 1556. At the very end, he repudiated his final letter of submission, and announced that he died a Protestant. He said, "I have sinned, in that I signed with my hand what I did not believe with my heart. When the flames are lit, this hand shall be the first to burn." And when the fire was lit around his feet, he leaned forward and held his right hand in the fire until it was charred to a stump. Aside from this, he did not speak or move, except that once he raised his left hand to wipe the sweat from his forehead.

## Finance and Property Commission News



The work continues on our basement and kitchen. The contractor that was selected hasn't been that responsive during the project and this is the biggest part of the delay. However, there is a glimpse of a silver lining... over the summer we continued to flood, and had the contractor completed the project, we would have had new cabinets damaged by more water. To date the following work has been completed: repair of water damaged walls in kitchen and youth room, drywall work, painting, removal of asbestos flooring, removal of all kitchen cabinets, and additional water remediation work along the entire west wall from the youth room to the back door (underfloor trench with sump pumps). The work remaining is to install the new flooring in the kitchen, install of new cabinets and new countertops, and reconnecting all the appliances/sinks.

We are hopeful to have this complete in the next few weeks to get our kitchen and basement back to full operation for the upcoming holidays. If you have any questions please see Mark Edwards or any other member of the property and finance committee.

*~Mark Edwards, Chair*

## From the Church Office

**The Grace Vine Print Newsletter / NEXT ISSUE: November 2019**

**ARTICLE DEADLINE: October 15th**



**GO GREEN! GO PAPERLESS!** Would you like to get your monthly newsletter by email instead of print? Contact the church office at [admin@grucc.com](mailto:admin@grucc.com).



### **WEEKLY Grace Vine E-News**

The Church Office sends out the Grace Vine E-News to members and friends every Friday, sharing upcoming news and events. Please email the church office at [admin@grucc.com](mailto:admin@grucc.com) to add your email address to this distribution list!

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## Church Cleaning & Declutter Day!

**Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> - 10 am**

***We need many helping hands!  
There will be jobs for all ages and abilities.***

If you have a truck to haul junk to the dump or recycling center —  
We need you! Please contact Gwen at [Ggedwards922@gmail.com](mailto:Ggedwards922@gmail.com)



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