

Grace United Church of Christ 25 E. Second St. Frederick, MD

Service of the Word
Sunday, February 24, 2019 ~ 11:00 AM
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
Love Your Enemies



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Welcome! It is a pleasure to have you with us this morning.

*This morning we will use the black New Century Hymnal (NCH)
and the green Worship & Song hymnal (W&S).*

**Indicates when people are invited to stand.*

We Gather

Prelude	"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven" John Goss (1880), setting by Wayne L. Wold	Jonas Dawson
Welcome	<i>Please sign the red Friendship Book in your pew. Call of the Engelbrecht Memorial Bell</i>	
Choir Introit	"Worship the Lord", Lloyd Larson	Grace Choir

***Call to Worship**

L: Let's worship God who loves us all.

P: Whether we're old or young, educated or uneducated, healthy or ill, whether we're dark skinned or light-skinned, rich or poor.

L: Let's worship God who wants us to . . .

P: Love our neighbor as ourselves;

L: The one who is weak and the one who is strong

P: The one we understand and the one we don't, the one who is like us and the one who is different.

L: Let's worship the God who desires our love.

All: Let's worship God with our thoughts, prayers and songs.

*Opening Song "God Reigns o'er all the Earth" NCH #21

*Opening Prayer

*Passing the Peace

We Listen

First Reading Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 Carol Garrison

Choir Anthem "Send the Light" Grace Choir
words and music by Charles Gabriel, arr. Benjamin Harlan

*Gospel Reading Luke 6:27-31 Rev. Marie Bacchiocchi

Children's Message Carol Garrison
Following the Children's Message, Kindergarten through 5th graders are invited to the fellowship hall for Children's Church; a time of Bible lessons, crafts, songs and fun activities. For children 5 years and younger, our Nursery is available during the worship service.

Sermon "Christian Karma" Rev. Marie Bacchiocchi

We Respond

Prayers of the People

Call for Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" Jonas Dawson
Joseph Parry, arr. Douglas E. Wagner (b. 1952)

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

We are Sent

Announcements

*Closing Prayer

*Closing Song "Draw the Circle Wide" W&S #3154

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction "As We Part for the Towns and Cities" Grace Choir
text by John Thornburg, music by Jackson Henry

Ringing of the Engelbrecht Memorial Bell

*Postlude "Recessional", Joseph Roff (1933)

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The yellow rose on the altar is presented by the Altar Guild in memory of deceased war veterans and in honor of those who have served our country, as well as those currently on active duty.

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**Welcome to Rev. Marie A. Bacchiocchi who joins us to lead worship today while Pastor Rob is away.**

The Rev. Marie A. Bacchiocchi was raised in Mansfield, Massachusetts where she learned how to be an ardent Boston sports fan. She received her BA from Mount Holyoke College, her M.Div. from Harvard Divinity School, and her MAT in elementary education from Rhode Island College. Marie is a trained Spiritual Director from the Hesychia School of Spiritual Direction in Tucson, Arizona. She has served congregations in Arizona, Massachusetts, Minnesota, and Rhode Island and served the Central Atlantic Conference United Church of Christ as Associate Conference Minister and the Southeast Conference United Church of Christ as Interim Conference Minister. She loves working with individuals and congregations assisting them in discovering where God's spirit is leading them, while contextualizing faith to our current society and culture. As an innovator, Marie assists congregations and groups in discovering new ways to live faithfully. Currently Marie has stepped away from ministry to care for her elderly mother, while still finding time to pursue her passion of competitive ballroom dancing.



**WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!**

We are delighted that you joined us for worship this morning. Please be sure to sign the red Friendship Book in your pew.

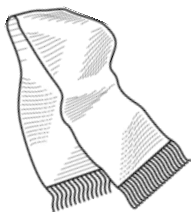
If you have any difficulty hearing the service, one of our ushers can provide you with a hearing assistance device. We also have large print bulletins and hymnals available.

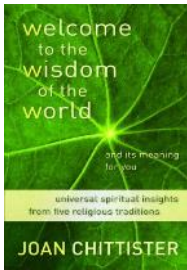
Children in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us for Children's Church - a time of Bible lessons, crafts, songs and other fun activities. We leave the Sanctuary following the Children's Message. For children 5 years and younger, our Nursery is available during the worship service. Following the worship service, please join us for fellowship.

***Welcome to Grace Church!***

**Do you get a little chilly in church?**

Please know that there are hand-made shawls available for you to use as you need. They are spread throughout the sanctuary. Please ask an usher if you don't see one near you. Many thanks to Pam Marshall for this idea and for making the shawls!





## Group Book Study at Grace

*Welcome to the Wisdom of the World and Its Meaning for You*  
by Joan Chittister, OSB

**DATE CHANGE: Mondays Feb 4, (no 11th), 18, 25, Mar 4  
6:30-7:30 PM**

Join us as we explore the intersection of faith and spirituality among the 5 major religions of the World: Buddhism, Christianity, Judaism, Hindu, and Islam. Pizza and Drinks will be provided.

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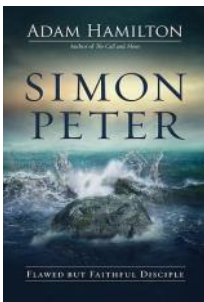
**A Time for Meditation: Join us after group book study!**

**DATE CHANGE: Mondays Feb 4, (no 11th), 18, 25, Mar 4  
7:30-8:00 PM**

Pastor Rob will talk briefly each week about meditation practices and lead a time of group meditation in various forms.

What to bring: Wear comfortable clothing and bring a pillow/cushion to sit on. (We can get a straight back chair if sitting on the floor is an issue.)

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**Join Us for Lenten Study!**

***Simon Peter - Flawed but Faithful Disciple***

Simon Peter—an ordinary fisherman who heard an extraordinary call.

**Thursdays beginning March 7 through April 11**

- 10:30 am at Homewood
- 6:30 pm at Grace (with pizza)



## ***Mardi Gras Family Game Night***

***Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm***

Grace will hold a Mardi Gras Family Game Night - a night of group and individual games. **Please bring your favorite game and a snack or dessert to share. Sign-up sheet will be on the fridge or email Gwen at [ggedwards922@gmail.com](mailto:ggedwards922@gmail.com).**

### 2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES AND ELECTRONIC GIVING

Offering envelopes are available in the Narthex for anyone who would like to use envelopes for regular offering. Simply pick up a box and write your name on the sign-up sheet next to the number that you've chosen. **NOTE: Some numbers are already reserved and marked for congregation members.**

#### **Two Electronic Giving Options:**

- 1) **UCC e-giving (Vanco)** allows you to set-up a regular, recurring donation via automatic electronic draft from your bank account or credit card account. Contact the church office to get an authorization form and get started.
- 2) **PayPal:** Simply click the GIVE button at the bottom of the [www.grucc.com](http://www.grucc.com) home page or GIVE TO GRUCC button at the bottom of weekly enews.

If you decide to participate in our electronic giving programs, you can pick up some "I give electronically" cards to place in the offering plate on Sunday mornings in lieu of an envelope/paper payment.



### **JANUARY 2019 Treasurer's Report**

|             | <b>JANUARY 2019</b> | <b>2019 Year-to-Date</b> |
|-------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Income:     | \$ 13,895.03        | \$ 13,895.03             |
| Expenses:   | (\$ 20,084.63)      | (\$ 20,084.63)           |
| Difference: | (\$ 6,189.60)       | (\$ 6,189.60)            |



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## FREDERICK COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY'S (FCAA)

**SOUP KITCHEN: GRACE'S NEXT SERVICE DATE IS SUN, APRIL 21**

Volunteers from **Grace Church** 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?***

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Food Drive



### FCAA - FOOD BANK

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!*

### 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** is designated for 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!





## Daily Bible Reading

### **Sunday, February 24, 2019**

#### **Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany**

Genesis 45:3-11, 15  
Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40  
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50  
Luke 6:27-38

### **Monday, February 25, 2019**

Psalm 38  
Genesis 33:1-17  
1 Corinthians 11:2-16

### **Tuesday, February 26, 2019**

Psalm 38  
1 Samuel 24:1-22  
1 Corinthians 11:17-22, 27-33

### **Wednesday, February 27, 2019**

Psalm 38  
Leviticus 5:1-13  
Luke 17:1-4

### **Thursday, February 28, 2019**

Psalm 99  
Deuteronomy 9:1-5  
Acts 3:11-16

### **Friday, March 1, 2019**

Psalm 99  
Deuteronomy 9:6-14  
Acts 10:1-8

### **Saturday, March 2, 2019**

Psalm 99  
Deuteronomy 9:15-24  
Luke 10:21-24

### **Sunday, March 3, 2019**

#### **Transfiguration Sunday**

Exodus 34:29-35  
Psalm 99  
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2  
Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

# GRACE UCC WEEKLY CALENDAR

## **Sunday, February 24**

9:45 AM Christian Education classes

11:00 AM Worship

5:00 PM Redemption City Church (S)

## **Monday, February 25**

10:00 AM & 3:30 PM E Estes Voice Lessons (rm 3)

6:30 PM Grace Book Study

7:30 PM Meditation

## **Tuesday, February 26**

5:30 PM E Estes Voice Lessons (rm3)

6:30 PM Mankind Project (bsmt)

7:00 PM Council Meeting (rm 3)

## **Wednesday, February 27**

6:30PM TFC Youth Group (bsmt)

## **Thursday, February 28**

6:00 PM Zumba (GSR)

## **Friday, March 1**

12:30PM Coffee with COIPP (GSR)

**6:30 PM Mardi Gras Family Game Night**



## **Saturday, March 2**

## **Sunday, March 3**

9:45 AM Christian Education classes

11:00 AM Worship

5:00 PM Redemption City Church (S)



## CARING & SHARING PRAYER LIST

The following are members and friends of our church family who are currently ill, hospitalized, or home-bound. Please keep them in your prayers and perhaps send a note or a card. Addresses can be obtained from the church office, or you can pick up a church directory from one of the ushers. If you know of anyone who should be added to this list, please call the church office.

|                              |                                                  |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Kevin Chapman</b>         | 1403 Orangetip Ct, Frederick, MD 21703           |
| <b>Millie Davis</b>          | 801 Pine Ave.,Frederick, MD 21701                |
| <b>Debbie Donohue</b>        | PO Box 55, Keymar, MD 21757                      |
| <b>Joe Free</b>              | Citizens Nursing & Rehab Center                  |
| <b>Jean Gaver</b>            | 7407 Willow Rd., AL 250, Frederick, MD 21702     |
| <b>Paul and Miriam Himes</b> | 9810 Masser Rd., Frederick, MD 21702             |
| <b>Pam Kehne</b>             | 1632 Wall Dr., Pasadena, MD 21122                |
| <b>Betty Linton</b>          | 990 Waterford Dr., Unit 206, Frederick, MD 21702 |

Please note that hospitals are no longer permitted to contact churches on behalf of their patients. If you know of a church member who is hospitalized, please inform the church office. If you or a family member is hospitalized in an emergency situation, please call Pastor Rob at 240-217-2767.

### ***New Prayer Chain Starting***



If you are interested in being part of the Grace Prayer Chain to hold up those in need of prayer throughout the congregation and beyond; please contact Pastor Rob or add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Good Shepherd Room.



## *Grace United Church of Christ*

*An Open and Affirming Congregation*

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### SUNDAY WORSHIP

11:00 AM

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month.

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### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

#### **Sunday, February 24, 2019**

Scripture Reader: Carol Garrison

Children's Message: Carol Garrison

Children's Church: Colleen Street

Altar Guild: Karen Kehoe

#### **Sunday, March 3, 2019**

Scripture Reader:

Children's Message: Pastor Rob

Children's Church: Colleen Street

Altar Guild: Joan Princler

*If you would like to serve as a greeter, or host fellowship time after worship, please add your name to the sign up sheet in the Good Shepherd Room.*

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