

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

Service of the Word
Sunday, March 3, 2019 ~ 11:00 AM
Transfiguration Sunday
Astounding Glory



La Transfiguration – Armando Alemdar Ara

Leader: ...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

ALL: Memorial Acclamation

NCH # 799

Leader: ...Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

ALL: Great Amen

NCH # 811

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.

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Please be seated

Sharing the Elements

As you are dismissed from your pew, come forward using the center aisle.

This morning we offer bread and your choice of wine (in the silver chalice) or grape juice (in the pottery chalice). Please return to your seats using the side aisles.

Blessing after Communion

We invite all who would like a blessing, especially children and those who did not participate in communion of bread and cup, to come forward.

We are Sent

Announcements

*Closing Prayer

*Closing Hymn

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

Ringing of the Engelbrecht Memorial Bell

*Postlude

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**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.

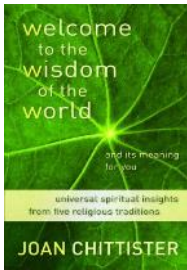
***Welcome to Grace Church!***



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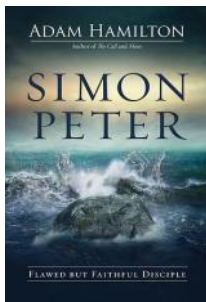
**A Time for Meditation: Join us after group book study!**

**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)

## 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

|             | JANUARY 2019  | 2019 Year-to-Date |
|-------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 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**

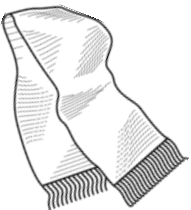
On the third Sunday of every month, we dedicate the **"Grace Groceries"** that have been collected in our little red wagon (in the narthex), and then deliver them to the Frederick Foodbank. *Thank you for your continued generosity!*

**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!



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**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!





## Daily Bible Reading

**Sunday, March 3, 2019**

**Transfiguration Sunday**

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalms 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

**Monday, March 4, 2019**

Psalms 35:11-28

Exodus 35:1-29

Acts 10:9-23a

**Tuesday, March 5, 2019**

Psalms 35:11-28

Ezekiel 1:1; 2:1

Acts 10:23b-33

**Wednesday, March 6, 2019**

**Ash Wednesday**

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12

Psalms 51:1-17

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

**Thursday, March 7, 2019**

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16

Exodus 5:10-23

Acts 7:30-34

**Friday, March 8, 2019**

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16

Exodus 6:1-13

Acts 7:35-42

**Saturday, March 9, 2019**

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

John 12:27-36

**Sunday, March 10, 2019:**

**First Sunday in Lent**

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

# GRACE UCC WEEKLY CALENDAR

## Sunday, March 3

9:45 AM Christian Education classes

11:00 AM Worship

5:00 PM Redemption City Church (S)

## Monday, March 4

6:30 PM Grace Book Study

6:30 PM TFC Young Adult Group (bsmt)

7:30 PM Meditation

## Tuesday, March 5

6:30 PM Mankind Project (bsmt)

## Wednesday, March 6

6:30PM TFC Youth Group (bsmt)

## Thursday, March 7

10:30 AM Lenten Study at Homewood

6:00 PM Zumba (GSR)

6:30 PM Lenten Study at Grace

6:30 PM Gamma (2nd fl)

## Friday, March 8

12:30PM Coffee with COIPP (GSR)

8:00 PM Grace Youth Group Meeting  
and Rock & Bowl

## Saturday, March 9

## Sunday, March 10

9:45 AM Christian Education classes

11:00 AM Worship

5:00 PM Redemption City Church (S)



### WHAT:

**Grace Youth Group  
Meeting and  
Rock & Bowl**

### WHEN:

**Friday, March 8  
8PM**

### WHAT:

**Meet at Grace at 8PM  
for short Meeting then  
to bowling alley.**

*Peace,*

*Jessica M. Townsley,*

*Pastoral Associate/*

*Youth Leader*

## ***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.



## **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.

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|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| <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.



## *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, March 3, 2019**

Scripture Reader: Jessica Townsley

Children's Message: Pastor Rob

Children's Church: Colleen Street

Altar Guild: Joan Princler

#### **Sunday, March 10, 2019**

Scripture Reader: John Brehmer

Children's Message: Earl Bartgis

Children's Church: Rob Apgar

Altar Guild: Sergei Travis

*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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