

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

Third Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 24, 2019
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*Welcome! It is a pleasure to have you with us this morning.
This morning we will use the green Worship & Song hymnal (W&S).*

**Indicates when people are invited to stand.*

We Gather

Prelude "Now to the Lord a Noble Song" Jonas Dawson
John Hatton, arr. Talmage W. Dean

Welcome *Please sign the red Friendship Book in your pew.
Call of the Engelbrecht Memorial Bell*

Choir Introit "This Is the Day" Grace Choir
Pablo D. Sosa (1983, alt.), translated by Roberto Escamilia (1983, alt.)
and Elise S. Eslinger (1983, alt.)

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 51)

L: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

P: According to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

L: Create in me a clean heart, O God and put a new and right spirit within me.

P: Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

All: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Let us draw near to God!

*Opening Song "Here I Am to Worship" W&S # 3177
"Change My Heart, O God" (insert)

*Prayer of Confession: **Kyrie**

L: Lord, have mercy **P: Lord, have mercy**

L: Christ, have mercy **P: Christ, have mercy**

L: Lord, have mercy **P: Lord, have mercy**

Pardon and Assurance

L: Friends, Christ died for us while we were yet sinners. This is proof of God's great love for us! In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

P: Thanks be to God.

Response: Bless the Lord My Soul (Taize)
Bless the Lord My Soul, and Bless God's holy name
Bless the Lord My Soul, who leads me into life.

*Passing the Peace

We Listen

First Reading Ecclesiastes 2:18–26 Teddi Garrison

Choir Anthem "God Is a Rock" Grace Choir
Robert A. Pendergrast

*Song "We Fall Down" W&S # 3187

*Gospel Reading Luke 13:1-9 Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor

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 "Ora et Labora" Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor

We Respond

Prayers of the People

Call for Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" Jonas Dawson
William B. Bradbury, arr. Marianne Kim

Prayer of Dedication

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

**In your mercy clothe me
in your protection cloak me
in your care enfold me
in your grace array me.
With your justice dress me
for your labor garb me
by your love envelop me
and fit me for your work.**

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*Closing Song

A Place at the Table

W&S # 3149

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

"Benediction Hymn"

Grace Choir

Traditional Irish Melody, transcribed by Dean McIntyre

Ringing of the Engelbrecht Memorial Bell

*Postlude

"Centennial Triptych: 1. Rigaudon"

David Lasky (b. 1957)

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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 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!***

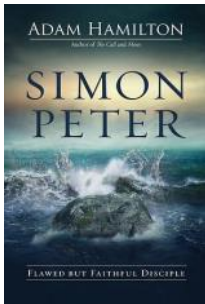


**"Anointed and Enlightened:  
Intersections of the Buddha and the Christ"**

**Pastor Rob** has been formally invited to be the Guest Lecturer at this year's HCC Humanities Lecture Series on Monday April 1st at 7 PM at the Kepler Theater at Hagerstown Community College.

The event is free and open to the public.

- What: HCC Humanities Lecture Series**  
**When: Monday, April 1, 2019, 7pm**  
**Where: HCC's Kepler Black Box Theater**  
**Price: Free, no tickets required**



## 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)

## Season of Lent and Easter

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### Lenten Book Study: "Simon Peter"

Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11

10:30 AM - Homewood – 6:30 PM - Grace UCC

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### Palm Sunday Worship

Sunday, April 14 ~ 11:00 AM



### Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion

Thursday, April 18 ~ 7:00 PM

### Good Friday Worship

Adoration of the Cross

Friday, April 19 ~ 7:00 PM



### Easter Sunday Worship and Holy Communion

Sunday, April 21 ~ 11:00 AM

## Grace Member in Need of Help

*Hello Church,*

*As most of you are aware I had emergency open heart surgery. I did well and am recuperating. My issue at this time is that it takes 3 months to fully heal. There are many restrictions that involve using my arms and lifting. I have a new business that is a wedding venue. I need to get that up and running for the first wedding. We need help with cleaning, painting weeding and planting etc. If any of you are available to help that would be greatly appreciated. We wanted to ask people to come on any of the following dates:*

*Saturday April 6, 2019 anytime from 9:00 AM- 5:00 PM*

*Saturday April 13, 2019 anytime from 9:00 AM- 5:00 PM*

*or Any day during the week of Monday April 8- Friday April 12 anytime from 9:00 AM- 5:00 PM.*

*If you would be able to help please let us know what day and time by either calling or emailing at:*

443-350-8100

[Insuranceinvestigations@hotmail.com](mailto:Insuranceinvestigations@hotmail.com)

*Great thanks for your consideration,  
Debbie Donohue*

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

## ***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**

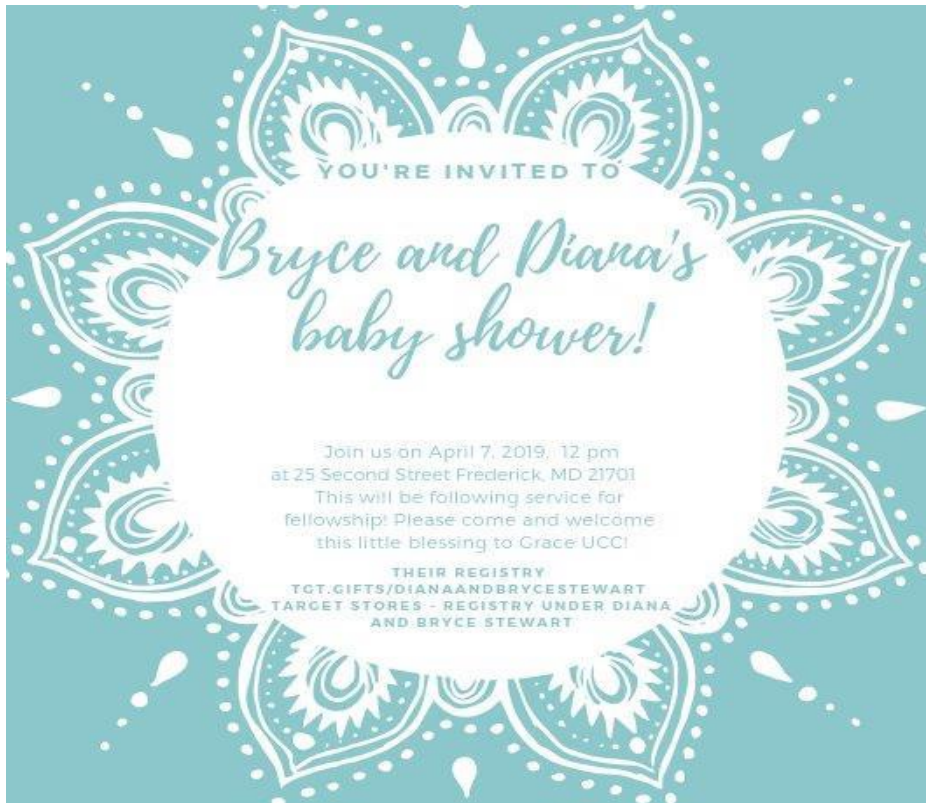
The following are members and friends of our church family who are currently ill, hospitalized, or home-bound. Please keep them in your prayers and perhaps send a note or a card. Addresses can be obtained from the church office, or you can pick up a church directory from one of the ushers. If you know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



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|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Kevin Chapman         | 1403 Orangetip Ct, Frederick, MD 21703                                                                  |
| Millie Davis          | 801 Pine Ave., Frederick, MD 21701                                                                      |
| Debbie Donohue        | PO Box 55, Keymar, MD 21757                                                                             |
| Joe Free              | Citizens Nursing & Rehab Center                                                                         |
| Jean Gaver            | 3/2019: FMH Hospital - recuperating from broken femur<br>(7407 Willow Rd., AL 250, Frederick, MD 21702) |
| Paul and Miriam Himes | 9810 Masser Rd., Frederick, MD 21702                                                                    |
| Charlotte Hoover      | 7404 Willow Road, AL 237, Frederick, MD 21702                                                           |
| Pam Kehne             | 1632 Wall Dr., Pasadena, MD 21122                                                                       |
| Betty Linton          | 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.





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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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**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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# Daily Bible Reading

Sunday, March 24, 2019

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Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalms 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

Monday, March 25, 2019

Psalms 39

Jeremiah 11:1-17

Romans 2:1-11

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Psalms 39

Ezekiel 17:1-10

Romans 2:12-16

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

Psalms 39

Numbers 13:17-27

Luke 13:18-21

Thursday, March 28, 2019

Psalms 32

Joshua 4:1-13

2 Corinthians 4:16-5:5

Friday, March 29, 2019

Psalms 32

Joshua 4:14-24

2 Corinthians 5:6-15

Saturday, March 30, 2019

Psalms 32

Exodus 32:7-14

Luke 15:1-10

Sunday, March 31, 2019

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalms 32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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## FEBRUARY 2019 Treasurer's Report

|           | <b>FEBRUARY 2019</b> | <b>2019 Year-to-Date</b> |
|-----------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Income:   | \$ 25,317.93         | \$ 39,212.96             |
| Expenses: | \$ 17,138.88         | \$ 37,223.51             |
| Net:      | \$ 8,179.05          | \$ 1,989.45              |



# GRACE UCC WEEKLY CALENDAR

## **Sunday, March 24**

### **Third Sunday in Lent: Open Invitation**

9:45 AM Christian Education classes

11:00 AM Worship

5:00 PM Redemption City Church (S)

## **Monday, March 25**

6:30 PM TFC Young Adult Group (2nd fl)

## **Tuesday, March 26**

6:00 PM TFC - Pride Planning Cmte (TBD)

6:30 PM Mankind Project (TBD)

7:00 PM Church Council Meeting (rm 3)

## **Wednesday, March 27**

6:30PM TFC Youth Group (bsmt)

## **Thursday, March 28**

10:30 AM Lenten Study at Homewood

6:00 PM Zumba (GSR)

6:30 PM Lenten Study at Grace

## **Friday, March 29**

12:30PM Coffee with COIPP (GSR)

## **Saturday, March 30**

## **Sunday, March 31**

### **Fourth Sunday in Lent: Embracing Love**

### **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering (OGHS)**

9:45 AM Christian Education classes

11:00 AM Worship

5:00 PM Redemption City Church (S)



## *Grace United Church of Christ*

*An Open and Affirming Congregation*

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Jessica Townsley, Youth Minister

Jonas Dawson, Director of Music

James Taylor, Bell Choir director

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Tammy Eyler, Nursery Attendant

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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 24, 2019**

Scripture Reader: Teddi Garrison

Children's Message: Carol Garrison

Children's Church: Carol Garrison

Altar Guild: Gwen Edwards

#### **Sunday, March 31, 2019**

Scripture Reader: Vonnie Crum

Children's Message: Pastor Rob

Children's Church: Colleen Street

Altar Guild: Karen Kehoe

*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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OF CHRIST**

