

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



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

WORSHIP & COMMUNION

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Pardon and Assurance

*Passing of the Peace

We Listen

Old Testament Reading	Song of Solomon 2:18-23	Carol Garrison
Special Music	"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love", words and music by Peter Scholtes, arr. Mark Hayes	Jonas Dawson
Epistle Reading	James 1:17-27	Carol Garrison
Hymn	"Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"	NCH#459
Gospel Reading	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor
Sermon	"Creeds or Deeds"?	Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor

We Respond

Prayer of the People

Call for Tithes and Offerings

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

*Prayer of Dedication

*The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: ...And so, with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**People: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the universe speaks of your
glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of
our God! Hosanna in the highest!**

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

**People: Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

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.

People: Amen.

*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 for-
give 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.

Music

"Meditation on 'Ubi Caritas'", Jonas Dawson
Traditional plainsong, arr. Douglas E. Wagner (b. 1952)

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 (in unison)

*Closing Hymn

"In All our Living"

NCH#499

*Benediction

Ringing of the Engelbrecht Memorial Bell

*Postlude

"Postlude (for Full Organ)",
Roger C. Wilson (1912-1988)

Jonas Dawson

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The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in Memory of Ryan Zimmerman by Jean Barrick.



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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.*

**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, we invite you to join us for fellowship.

***Welcome to Grace Church!***

***Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor has returned from Sabbatical***

Join us after worship TODAY for a



**Welcome Back Potluck**  
in honor of  
**Pastor Rob's return!**

***Welcome*** to our new student intern, Jessica Townsley. Jessica is a student at Chicago Theological Seminary and will be with us 10 hours a week from September 2018-May 2019. She will be pastoring at another church then coming to us in time fro our service.

# PRAYBILL

## September on Broadway Grace United Church of Christ

Sundays at 11AM throughout September -- Pastor Rob Presents Sermons based on popular Broadway musicals! Come join us for the fun and fantasy and to see how these musicals relate to scripture and topics in our everyday lives.



**Sunday, September 9th, 2018**

Scripture: Ephesians 4: 29-32

Matthew 5: 1-12

Sermon: **When Words become Weapons**



**Sunday, September 16th, 2018**

Scripture: Isaiah 55: 1-9

Luke 19: 1-10

Sermon: **The Pursuit of Happiness**

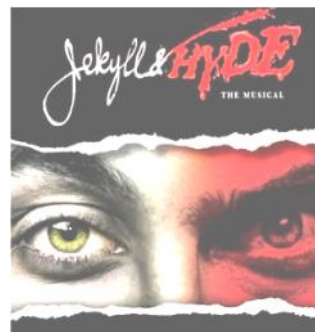


**Sunday, September 23rd, 2018**

Scripture: Luke 9: 1-8; Luke 9: 9-14

Luke 9: 15-17; Luke 9: 18-30

Sermon: **What are you hunting for?**



**Sunday, September 30th, 2018**

Scripture: 1 Samuel 16: 1-12

2 Samuel 12: 7-13

Luke 19: 1-10

Sermon: **Where's Waldo?**





GRACE UCC AT  
FREDERICK "IN THE STREET"  
*STOP BY AND VISIT OUR TABLE!*  
SEPTEMBER 8TH - 11 AM -5PM  
(table will be across from Brewer's Alley, in  
front of Taco Daddy)

Every year, "In the Street" brings thousands of people to downtown Frederick. **Grace Church will have a table** in the festival this year and **we need YOUR help!** Please consider taking a 2 hour slot to help Pastor Rob work the booth and run some fun kids activities and give out balloons, stickers, etc. In the Street is Saturday, September 8th from 11-5. Please email [admin@grucc.com](mailto:admin@grucc.com) to volunteer! Many Thanks!



### **SIGN-UP FOR SUPPER CLUB!**

**Send an email to [admin@grucc.com](mailto:admin@grucc.com) to add yourself to the Supper Club List.**

**SUPPER CLUB** is a social activity in which people are placed in groups of 6-8 to dine together once a month. Whether it's at a restaurant or someone's home, supper club is a great way to meet your church family and have fun together! The only rule is: **NO CHURCH BUSINESS!!**



This is about fun, making friends, and getting to know each other! And, what better way to do that than to eat together? Come Join the Fun & Fellowship!



## **Youth trip to the Great Frederick Fair!**

**Wednesday, September 14th - 9:30-3:00**

Leave Grace at 9:30 -- return Grace at 3:15

Cost: Free.

Youth group leader will give each teen money for ride tickets, Youth should bring extra money for lunch and other costs.

This is for youth grades 6-12. All are invited! Bring a friend!



### **CARING AND SHARING**

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.

**Millie Davis ~ Joe Free ~ Jean Gaver ~ Paul and Miriam Himes  
Karlene Kaufmann ~ Pam Kehne ~ Betty Linton**

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 Gary Johnson at 240-460-0411 while Pastor Rob is on sabbatical.

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## Christkindlmarkt Meeting

Tuesday, September 11th - 6:30 PM

Pizza and drinks provided.

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MONTHLY Grace Vine Print Newsletter

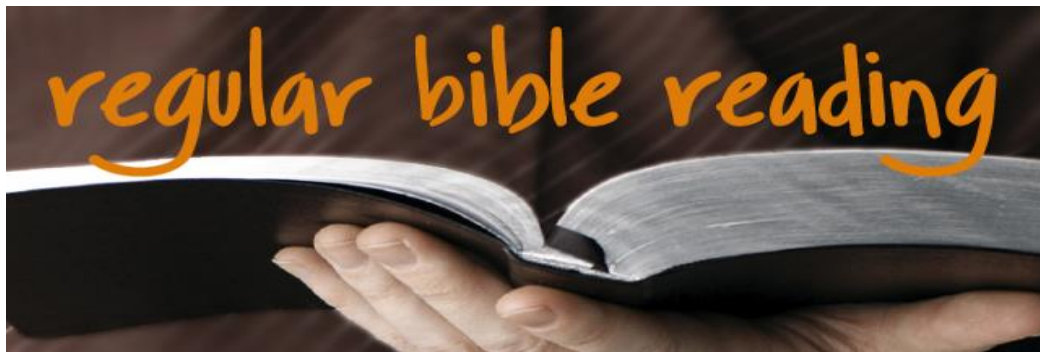
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**ARTICLE NEW DEADLINE: Monday, August 20**

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

### CHURCH DIRECTORIES

Do you need an updated copy of our member directory? Please contact the church office or speak to an usher on Sunday morning. Due to privacy concerns, we do not publish our directory on the church website.



**Sunday, September 2, 2018:** Proper 17 (22)  
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9;  
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 15;  
James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**Monday, September 3, 2018:** Psalm 144:9-15; Song of Solomon 3:6-11; 1 Timothy 4:6-16 OR Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48; Deuteronomy 4:9-14; 1 Timothy 4:6-16

**Tuesday, September 4, 2018:** Psalm 144:9-15; Song of Solomon 5:2-6:3; 1 Peter 2:19-25 OR Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48; Deuteronomy 4:15-20; 1 Peter 2:19-25

**Wednesday, September 5, 2018:** Psalm 144:9-15; Song of Solomon 8:5-7; Mark 7:9-23 OR Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48; Deuteronomy 4:21-40; Mark 7:9-23

**Thursday, September 6, 2018:** Psalm 125; Proverbs 1:1-19; Romans 2:1-11 OR Psalm 146; Isaiah 30:27-33; Romans 2:1-11  
Friday, September 7, 2018: Psalm 125; Proverbs 4:10-27; Romans 2:12-16 OR Psalm 146; Isaiah 32:1-8; Romans 2:12-16

**Saturday, September 8, 2018:** Psalm 125; Proverbs 8:1-31; Matthew 15:21-31 OR Psalm 146; Isaiah 33:1-9; Matthew 15:21-31

**Sunday, September 9, 2018:** Proper 18 (23)  
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125; Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146;  
James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17; Mark 7:24-37

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT GRACE CHURCH

Are you ready to get more involved in your church? We have plenty of opportunities for people of all ages, abilities, and interests:

- Acolytes, Altar Guild, Children's Sermon volunteers, Lay Caring Ministry, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Scripture readers, Ushers, and Youth Ministry - *please speak to Pastor Rob*
- Sanctuary and Joyful Noise Choirs - *please speak to Jonas Dawson*
- Hand Bell Choir - *please speak to James Taylor*
- Fellowship Hosts and Greeters - *please speak to Rob Apgar*
- Congregational Life activities - *please speak to Matt Bonin or Rob Apgar*
- Sunday School teachers, Children's Church leaders, and Nursery volunteers - *please speak to Jean Barrick*
- Offering Counters - *please speak to Lloyd Taylor*
- Outreach and Missions - *please speak to Sarah Travis*

## GERMAN CHURCH DELEGATION VISITS GRACE

OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup> - NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>

**Host Families needed** for the German Church delegation that will be visiting us this Fall (Oct. 24th-Nov. 1st). If you have space in your home to host 1 or 2 (or 10!) adults, please speak to Pastor Rob for the details. Thanks!



## Treasurer's Report

|             | <u>July 2018</u> | <u>2018 Year-to-Date</u> |
|-------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Income:     | \$ 14,665.66     | \$ 97,583.62             |
| Expenses:   | \$ 29,553.58     | \$ 155,677.85            |
| Difference: | (\$14,887.92)    | (\$ 58,094.23)           |

### OFFERING ENVELOPES AND ELECTRONIC GIVING

Offering envelopes are available in the Narthex for anyone who would like to use envelopes for regular giving. Simply pick up a box and write your name on the sign-up sheet next to the number that you've chosen.

If you prefer to give electronically, we offer 2 options:

1. the *UCC e-Giving* program allows you to have a regular, recurring donation drafted out of your bank account, or charged to your credit card. (*To get started, simply pick up an authorization form in the Narthex, or contact the church office.*)
2. make donations through our website using PayPal! Simply click the button at the bottom of the home page - [www.grucc.com](http://www.grucc.com)

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.

# GRACE CHURCH CALENDAR

## **Sunday, September 2**

Worship: Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor returns!  
9:45AM Christian Education Classes  
11:00AM Worship (S)  
12:00PM Welcome Back Potluck  
5:00PM Redemption City Church (S)

## **Monday, September 3**

### **LABOR DAY**

#### **Church Office Closed**

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

## **Tuesday, September 4**

6:30PM Man Kind Project (bsmt)  
7:00PM Council Meeting (rm 3)

## **Wednesday, September 5**

6:30PM TFC Youth Group (bsmt)

## **Thursday, September 6**

6:00PM FREE Zumba Class (GSR)  
6:30PM GAMMA (2nd fl)

## **Friday, September 7**

12:30PM Coffee with COIPP (GSR)  
8 PM N.A. Meeting (GSR)

## **Saturday, September 8**

9:00AM Men's Breakfast at Bob Evan's  
11:00AM Grace at "In the Street"  
Table until 5:00PM

**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**





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*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, September 2**

Preacher: Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor

Scripture Reader: Carol Garrison

Altar Guild Attendant: Karen Kehoe

### **Sunday, September 9**

Preacher: Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor

Scripture Reader: Rob Apgar

Altar Guild: Gwen McGee

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