

**Grace United Church of Christ**



REMEMBERING THE FIRST AFRICAN LANDING

**Sunday, September 29, 2019**

**11:00 a.m.**

Call to Worship  
Sunday, September 29, 2019  
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

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

**This Sunday we will be recalling the 400th anniversary of the first boat of African Slaves that arrived in America. In the service, we will remember and recall the Church's complicity in slavery and its complicity in racism today.**

***We Gather***

Prelude "Duke Street" Jonas Dawson  
John Hatton, arr. Talmage W. Dean

Welcome *Please sign the red Friendship Book in your pew.*

*Call of the Engelbrecht Memorial Bell*

Introit "Awake, My Soul", Roger Summers Grace Choir

\*Call to Worship

Leader: God yearns for all to be free.

**People: God, we praise you.**

Leader: God knows that many are still enslaved. God weeps with them.

**People: God, help us to work for the full humanity of all people.**

Leader: Jesus our Lord became fully human. He experienced suffering in solidarity with the oppressed.

**People: Lord Jesus, grant us your compassion and willingness to work for justice for all.**

Leader: Where we would sow slavery and death, the resurrection brings freedom and New Life.

**People: Lord Jesus, thank you.**

Leader: Even today, when we use systems, economics, and laws to oppress one another, Christ stands with the oppressed and proclaims release to the captives.

**People: Holy Spirit teach us to love our neighbor in word and action.**

**Leader:** As we offer the gift of our worship, may the Holy Spirit open us up to our history and the pain of our neighbors today.

\*Opening Hymn

“A Place at the Table”

W&S # 3149

\*Opening Prayer (unison)

**Creator God, you created all humankind in your image. On this day when we commemorate the 400th anniversary of the first enslaved Africans arriving in Virginia, USA, we repent of not seeing all your people as made in your Holy Image. We ask you to uplift and support all the descendants of slaves and to help us work for a just economic and social system, especially for those most suffering today from the continued effects of slavery, Jim Crow laws, racially motivated violence, and mass incarceration. Create in us, your church, the ability to work toward New Life together for all your beloved children. Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer. Amen.**

\*Passing the Peace

***We Listen***

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 6: 5-7

Sarah Drenning

Anthem

"God Will Take Care of You"  
words by Civilla Martin, music by Michael Barrett

Grace Choir

\*Gospel

John 13: 1-17; 33-35

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

“Confessions of a Racist Pastor”

Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor

## Prayer of Confession

O God,

As we remember this anniversary, we confess  
that the sin of racial hatred and prejudice  
distorts your divine plan for our human lives:

You created us in divine likeness, diverse and beautiful:

In every person, every race is your image.

But too often we fail to recognize your image in all:

**Forgive us.**

You created us in divine freedom, to be free:

In every decision, every choice is your possibility of justice.

But too often we fail to choose to advocate for your justice for all:

**Forgive us.**

You created us for divine abundance, to tend and share:

In every garden, every social structure is your seed of community.

But too often we fail to create that community which includes all,  
and gives to all equal access to your abundant life:

**Forgive us.**

Forgive us

**Open our eyes to distinguish good from evil**

**Open our hearts to desire good over evil**

**Strengthen our wills to choose good over evil,**

**So that we may create among us your beloved community.**

## Words of Assurance

Hear the good news: God's gift of grace in Jesus Christ forgives us and sets us free to live full human lives in community. We may go forth confident of the grace to see with new eyes beyond racial prejudice; to imagine with renewed fervor justice and mercy for all, and to create with a new will a community where all are given access to God's abundant life. **Thanks be to God!**

## ***We Respond***

Prayer of the People

Call for Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"On Eagle's Wings"  
Michael Joncas, arr. Lani Smith

Jonas Dawson

\*Offertory Prayer

\* 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

Wedding Blessing

\*Closing Hymn

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

NCH # 593

\*Choral Benediction

"Twofold Amen"

Grace Choir

\*Closing Benediction

## ***Ringing of the Engelbrecht Memorial Bell***

\*Postlude

"Sound the Trumpet, Praise the Lord!"  
Mark L. Williams

Jonas Dawson

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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!***

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## Congregational Life News



**Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> — 10 am**  
**Church Cleaning and Declutter Day!**

We need as many people on deck as possible!

If you can help, please let Gwen know at

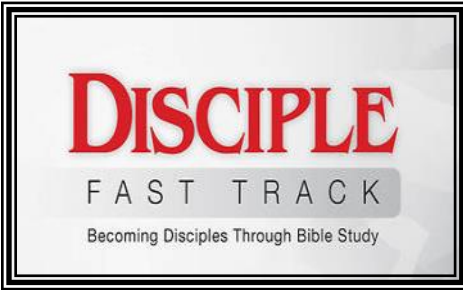
[Ggedwards922@gmail.com](mailto:Ggedwards922@gmail.com) or 717-360-6331.

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**Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Pastor's Appreciation Day**

If you would like to present something special for Pastor Rob and/or Pastor Jessica, contact Gwen Edwards at [ggedwards922@gmail.com](mailto:ggedwards922@gmail.com).

We are also collecting gift donations to present to them on October 13th. Make sure your donation is clearly marked: Pastor's Appreciation Day.



It's not too late! Sign-up today! (Forms in narthex.)

## Disciple "Fast Track" Bible Study

Begins on Thursday, October 3rd

7:00 to 8:15 PM with Pastor Rob

Join us for a **24 weeks** "fast track" bible study as we learn to understand the Bible through its historical and cultural contexts and apply its message to our lives today! No Cost! Study books are \$15 and you may make a donation if you'd like.

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**JOIN GRACE CHURCH AT FREDERICK COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY'S (FCAA) SOUP KITCHEN TO SERVE DINNER SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 AT 4:45 PM**

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? 14 East All Saints Street, Frederick, MD 21701. Contact Jerry Princler at [jerryprin@comcast.net](mailto:jerryprin@comcast.net) or Trevor Addie at [trevor.grucc@gmail.com](mailto:trevor.grucc@gmail.com) for details.

### 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!*

#### Food Drive



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

#### NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS NEEDED.

FOR EXAMPLE: PEANUT BUTTER

PASTA ~ RICE ~ SPAGHETTI

TOMATO SAUCE ~ CEREAL

CANNED FISH ~ CANNED MEATS



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## 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.*** If you know of anyone who should be added to this list, please contact the church office at [admin@crucc.com](mailto:admin@crucc.com)

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	<b><i>90th Birthday—October 10, 2019</i></b> Edenton, Orchard Terrace, 5905 Edenton Court, Room #705, Frederick, MD 21702
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

*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.*

***Happy Anniversary to Bill & Sarah Drenning***

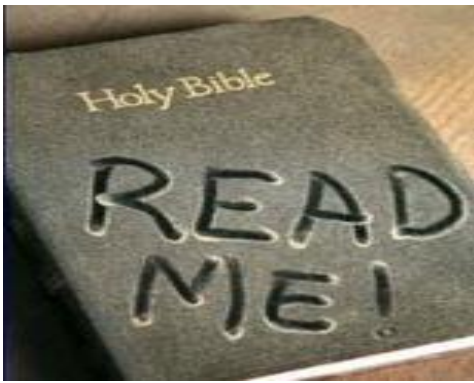
They will celebrate their 70th Wedding Anniversary on October 1st, 2019.

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***Happy Anniversary to Gwen & Mark Edwards***

They celebrated their 1st Wedding Anniversary last Sunday, September 22.





## Daily Bible Reading

### **Sunday, September 29, 2019:** Proper 21 (26)

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 and  
Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16;  
Amos 6:1a, 4-7 and Psalm 146  
1 Timothy 6:6-19  
Luke 16:19-31

### **Monday, September 30, 2019:**

Psalm 119:49-56;  
Jeremiah 32:16-35;  
Revelation 3:14-22 OR Psalm 62;  
Amos 6:8-14;  
Revelation 3:14-22

### **Tuesday, October 1, 2019**

Psalm 119:49-56;  
Jeremiah 32:36-44;  
James 5:1-6 OR Psalm 62;  
Hosea 10:9-15;  
James 5:1-6

### **Wednesday, October 2, 2019:**

Psalm 119:49-56;  
Jeremiah 33:1-13;  
Matthew 19:16-22 OR Psalm 62;  
Hosea 12:2-14; Matthew 19:16-22

### **Thursday, October 3, 2019:**

Lamentations 3:19-26;  
Jeremiah 52:1-11;  
Revelation 2:8-11 OR Psalm 37:1-9;  
2 Kings 18:1-8, 28-36;  
Revelation 2:8-11

### **Friday, October 4, 2019:**

Lamentations 3:19-26;  
Jeremiah 52:12-30;  
Revelation 2:12-29 OR Psalm 37:1-9;  
2 Kings 19:8-20, 35-37;  
Revelation 2:12-29

### **Saturday, October 5, 2019:**

Lamentations 3:19-26;  
Lamentations 1:7-15;  
Matthew 20:29-34 OR Psalm 37:1-9;  
Isaiah 7:1-9;  
Matthew 20:29-34

### **Sunday, October 6, 2019: Proper 22 (27)**

Lamentations 1:1-6 and  
Lamentations 3:19-26 or Psalm 137  
Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4  
Psalm 37:1-9  
2 Timothy 1:1-14  
Luke 17:5-10

## GRACE UCC WEEKLY CALENDAR

### **Sunday, September 29**

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Surprising Investment

9:45 AM Christian Education classes

11:00 AM Worship

September Birthday Celebration

### **Monday, September 30**

*Rosh Hashanah*

6:30 PM TFC Young Adults

### **Tuesday, October 1**

6:30 PM Mankind Project

### **Wednesday, October 2**

6:30 PM TFC Youth Group

### **Thursday, October 3**

6:30 PM GAMMA

### **Friday, October 4**

1:30 PM Coffee w/ COIPP (GSR)

### **Saturday, October 5**

### **Sunday, October 6**

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Neighbors in Need Offering/World Communion Sunday

9:45 AM Christian Education classes

11:00 AM Worship

**1:30 PM Blessing of the Animals**

A promotional poster for the 'Blessing of the Animals' event. The top half has a yellow background with the text 'Blessing of the Animals' in white, with a paw print under 'Animals'. To the right is a photo of a golden retriever with a halo, a kitten with a halo, and a hamster with a halo. The bottom half has a white background with blue text: 'Sunday, October 6th', '1:30 PM', and red text: 'Bring your furry friends to church for a blessing'.

**Blessing  
of the  
Animals**

**Sunday, October 6th**

**1:30 PM**

**Bring your  
furry friends to church  
for a blessing**



**Neighbors in Need (NIN)** is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities. GRUCC will receive the NIN offering on October 6, 2019 as part of their World Communion Sunday observance.




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### August 2019 Treasurer's Report

|                       | August 2019          | Year-to-Date          |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Income:               | \$ 21,381.00         | \$ 124,569.41         |
| <u>Less Expenses:</u> | <u>-\$ 30,578.83</u> | <u>-\$ 162,921.94</u> |
| Net:                  | (\$ 9,197.03)        | (\$ 38,352.53)        |

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### 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!

### CHURCH DIRECTORIES & CURRENT CONTACT INFO

If you are new to the church or have recently changed your contact info —  
PLEASE SEND YOUR CONTACT INFO TO THE CHURCH OFFICE at [admin@grucc.com](mailto:admin@grucc.com)

Do you need a copy of the Church Directory? Contact Sarah at [admin@grucc.com](mailto:admin@grucc.com)  
Due to privacy concerns, we do not publish our directory on the church website.



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James Taylor, Bell Choir director

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### SUNDAY WORSHIP

11:00 AM

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

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

#### **Sunday, September 29, 2019**

Scripture Reader: Sarah Drenning

Children's Message: Carol Garrison

Children's Church: Rob Apgar

Altar Guild: Joan Princler

#### **Sunday, October 6, 2019**

Scripture Reader: Leo De Valoes

Children's Message: Pastor Rob

Children's Church: Elizabeth Damazo

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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OF CHRIST**

