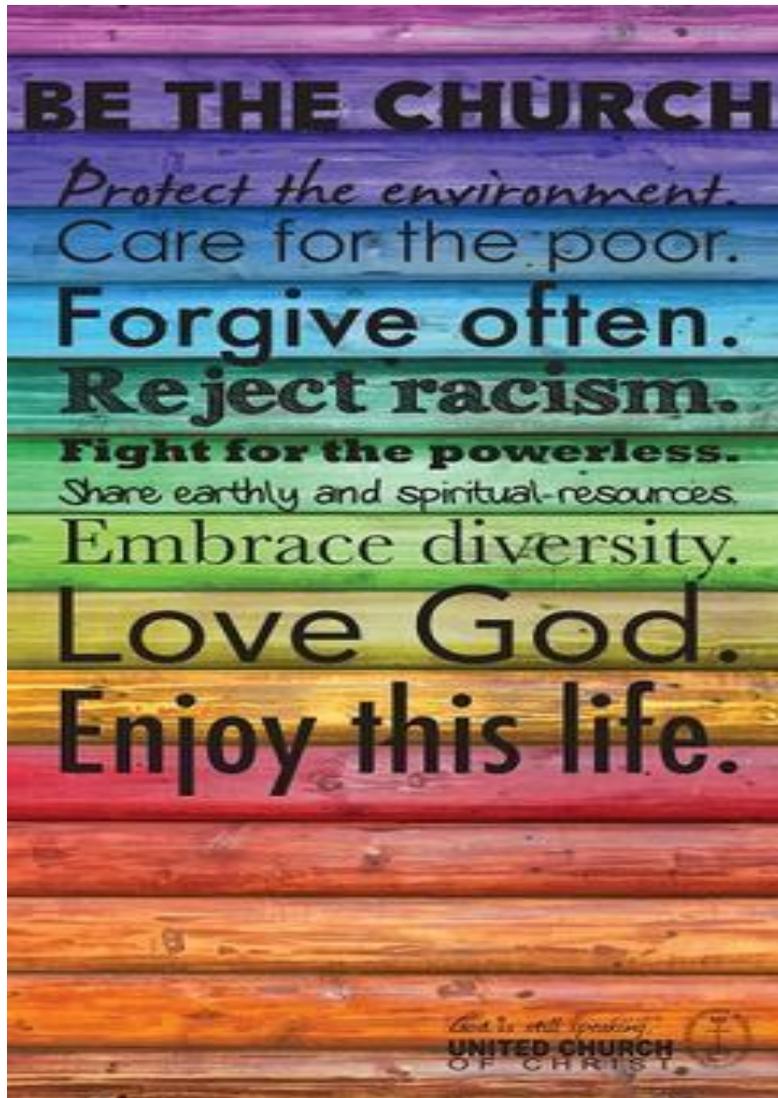


Grace United Church of Christ 25 E. Second St. Frederick, MD



SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 2018

WORSHIP

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SERVICE OF THE WORD
AUGUST 12, 2018
WORSHIP

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

This morning we will use the black *New Century Hymnal* (NCH).

**Indicates when people are invited to stand.*

We Gather

Prelude Chorale/Toccata - Heinrich Schütz/Douglas Wagner Jim Anderson

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

Call of the Engelbrecht Memorial Bell

*Call to Worship (From Psalms 34)

One: I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall ever be in my mouth.

All: I will glory in the Lord; let the humble hear and rejoice.

One: Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt his Name together.

All: I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me out of all my terror.

One: Look upon him and be radiant and let not your faces be ashamed.

All: I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles.

One: The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, and he will deliver them.

All: Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!

*Opening Hymn

“Children of God”

NCH#533

*Opening Prayer (in unison)

Eternal God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid. Cleanse our hearts and open our minds, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that we may behold the wonders of you unending love, that we may perfectly love you and magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

We Listen

Old Testament Reading	Psalm 130	Anna Winegar
Special Music	“Even If” by Mercy Me	Samantha Johnson, soloist
New Testament Reading	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	Gary Johnson
Sermon	“I Just Can’t Want To”	Gary Johnson

We Respond

Prayer of the People

Call for Tithes and Offerings

*Offertory	Canticle of Praise - Fenton Groden	Jim Anderson
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*Prayer of Dedication

Leader: You are the Great Provider, the Giver of all gifts; your love the only true currency. We thank you for richly blessings us. Accept this joyful offering as a token of our abiding love: use it to bring peace, justice and comfort to all the world. We join together in the prayer taught to us by our Lord Jesus...

*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 unison)

Holy God, too often we forget your promise. We live in ways that bring glory only to ourselves. Help us to love you and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Helps us receive your love. Help us to serve you more faithfully each day. May praise, glory, honor, and thanksgiving descend upon your holy name now and forever. Amen.

*Closing Hymn “Out of the Depths, O God, We Call” NCH#554

*Benediction

Ringing of the Engelbrecht Memorial Bell

*Postlude Sing to the Lord of Harvest - Dennis Elliot Jim Anderson

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Welcome and thank you to Jim Anderson, today’s substitute organist.  
Our Director of Music, Jonas Dawson is on holiday today.

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MONTHLY Grace Vine Print Newsletter
NEXT ISSUE: SEPTEMBER 2018

ARTICLE DEADLINE: Monday, August 15

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.



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 5th 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!

Grace UCC Sabbatical Preaching Schedule

Sunday, August 12~Gary Johnson

Sunday, August 19~Rev. Beth O'Malley

Sunday, August 26~Rev. Beth O'Malley



SIGN-UP FOR SUPPER CLUB!

Send an email to admin@grucc.com to add yourself to the Supper Club List.

SUPPER CLUB

is coming back to Grace Church this fall after being on hiatus! **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!

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

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.

FREDERICK "IN THE STREET" HELP NEEDED FOR GRACE UCC TABLE!

Every year, "In the Street" brings thousands of people to downtown Frederick. **Grace Church will have a booth** 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 to volunteer! Many Thanks!



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.



Treasurer's Report

<u>June 2018</u>	<u>2018 Year-to-Date</u>
Income: \$11,909.09	Income: \$ 82,454.72
Expenses: \$24,908.19	Expenses: \$124,322.30
Difference: (\$12,999.10)	Difference: (\$ 41,867.58)

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*

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR AUGUST

This month's readings are all over the place as we begin the longest stretch of the year: Common Time. But two things stood out to me as worthy of our attention. I Samuel and Revelation. I Samuel is a fun book to read because it's the history of Israel. The call of David as King and all the escapades of the Davidic Kingdom, worthy of its own daytime soap opera! There is mystery and intrigue, adultery and murder. Days of our Lives "ain't got nothing" on I Samuel! Revelation is a book that is just as fun to read if you can think of it as a book of hope rather than a "scare you into Heaven" reading. Revelation is often seen as a book of prophecies of the end of the world and the horror that will ensue. With its 6 headed beasts and secret codes, Revelation has been used to keep people in line and to read the newspaper with an eye on how close the end is. In reality, nothing could be further from the truth! Modern biblical scholarship teaches that Revelation is really a book of code for the early church that lived in terrible persecution. It is a book of hope for people whose faith meant almost daily threats of torture and imprisonment. And every generation has read Revelation with an eye to how it applies to their time because every generation has had its share of persecuted people. Bottom line, we are NOT necessarily the last generation and we don't know how any of these readings reflect ours or any other generation on earth. But, what we do know is this; whatever tribulation life may bring our way, personally or as a nation, Revelation teaches us that in the end...God wins! That's the message for a persecuted Church: In the end...God wins. That's the message to a woman facing divorce or a family in poverty or a person facing cancer. The only thing that will ever win in the end is GOD. Enjoy!

Sunday, August 12: Proper 14 (19)
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130;
1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 34:1-8;
Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

Monday, August 13, 2018: Psalm 57; 2 Samuel 15:13-31; Ephesians 5:1-14 OR Psalm 81; 1 Kings 17:1-16; Ephesians 5:1-14

Tuesday, August 14, 2018: Psalm 57; 2 Samuel 18:19-33; 2 Peter 3:14-18 OR Psalm 81; Ruth 2:1-23; 2 Peter 3:14-18

Wednesday, August 15, 2018: Psalm 57; 2 Samuel 19:1-18; John 6:35-40 OR Psalm 81; Jeremiah 31:1-6; John 6:35-40

Thursday, August 16, 2018: Psalm 111; 1 Kings 1:1-30; Acts 6:8-15 OR Psalm 34:9-14; Job 11:1-20; Acts 6:8-15

Friday, August 17, 2018: Psalm 111; 1 Kings 1:28-48; Romans 16:17-20 OR Psalm 34:9-14; Job 12:1-25; Romans 16:17-20

Saturday, August 18, 2018: Psalm 111; 1 Kings 2:1-11; John 4:7-26 OR Psalm 34:9-14; Job 13:1-19; John 4:7-26

Sunday, August 19, 2018: Proper 15 (20)
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14; Psalm 111;
Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalm 34:9-14;
Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

GRACE UCC COLLECTING

Basic Household Items

FOR THE

Emergency Family Shelter



For Emergency Human Need;



Grace has an opportunity to support the RCEHN’s Emergency Family Shelter in a new way. Like all households (and RCEHN does have a home base just off Bentz St. where meals are fixed; belongings are stored; clothes are washed and instruction is given) there are continuing needs for the “little things” (paper towels, detergent, bath soap, etc.). **We’d like to collect these items in July and deliver them in August (our next hospitality month).**

There will be a cutout house on an easel near the sanctuary with a large basket underneath and small tags within the house with needed items, such as: 2 rolls paper towels; 8 oz. soft scrub, etc. You may take a tag, purchase the item(s), and then bring the items back and place in the basket for collection. Contact Carol Garrison for more info or visit <https://www.thereligiouscoalition.org/support-us/supply-needs/>.

Thank you in advance for your ongoing support!

GRACE CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, August 12

Worship: Gary Johnson, preaching
9:45AM Christian Education Classes
11:00AM Worship (S)
5:00PM Redemption City Church (S)

Monday, August 13

7PM Finance & Property Commission (rm 3)

Tuesday, August 14

6:30 PM Man Kind Project (bsmt)

Wednesday, August 15

6:30 PM TFC Youth Group (bsmt)

Thursday, August 16

OFF FOR SUMMER FREE Zumba Class (GSR)
6 PM Fred. Co. HD/HIV support group (bsmt)

Friday, August 17

8 PM N.A. Meeting (GSR)

Saturday, August 18

Sunday, August 19

Worship: Rev. Beth O'Malley, preaching
9:45 AM Christian Education Classes
11 AM Worship (S)
5 PM Redemption City Church (S)
5 PM Grace serves at Soup Kitchen (FCAA)

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

11:00 AM

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Sunday, August 12

Guest Preacher: Gary Johnson

Scripture Reader: Anna Winegar

Altar Guild Attendant: Joan Princler

Sunday, August 19

Guest Preacher: Rev. Beth O'Malley

Scripture Reader: Earl Bartgis

Altar Guild Attendant: 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 on the refrigerator in the Good Shepherd Room.