

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

- 1/20: Church Offices Closed for MLK Day
11:15 am-1:15 pm: NA Meeting in GSR
Noon-1:30pm: Frederick Unity March
- 1/21: 11:15 am-1:15 pm: NA Meeting in Grace Basement
- 1/22: 9:30 am-11:30 am: Mentor Maryland Meeting in GSR
11:15 am-1:15 pm: NA Meeting in Grace Basement
7:00 pm-8:15 pm: Grace Book Club via Zoom
- 1/23: 9:00 am-10:00 am: Chair Lift Inspection at Grace
11:15 am-1:15 pm: NA Meeting in Grace Basement
7:00 pm-8:30 pm: C-YA Ministry in EC Room Upstairs
- 1/24: 11:15 am-1:15 pm: NA Meeting in Grace Basement
- 1/25: 11:15 am-1:15 pm: NA Meeting in Basement
- 1/26: 9:30 am-10:30 am: Bible Study in Sunday School Room
11:00 am-12:15 pm: Worship on the Sanctuary
12:30 pm-1:30 pm: Bible Study in Sunday School Room
7:00 pm-8:00 pm: Bible Study via Zoom

Please join us in the GSR (through the angel doors) for fellowship following worship. We thank Faye and Jean for the popcorn themed snacks today! All are welcome!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

People who are housing and food insecure; people living with addiction; Susan Smith; Carla Larson; Sally Johnson; Jim Swann; Steve Myers; Jane Hildebrandt; LGBTQ+ and Gender Expansive Students in FCPS; Tobi; Cescely and family; Tyler Fiore

College and Young Adult Ministry (C-YA) will be meeting on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm beginning January 23. Meetings will be held in the Emerging Communities room upstairs. For more info, contact Josh McCabe at smilezjdj@gmail.com. This is open to anyone ages 18-35.

Pastor Chance has office hours at Dublin Roasters (1780 N Market Street) on Tuesday of each week from 8:00am-10:30am. These office hours are open so feel free to come by and join him for a chat and some coffee. No appointment needed.

If you have a pastoral care need or are hospitalized and would like a visit, please call Pastor Chance at 727-809-2390 or send an email to pastorchance.graceucc@gmail.com.

Opportunities to Help...

Fellowship Hour Host/Hostess: It is very simple, fill in your name on a Sunday that needs a host/hostess- keep it simple (i.e. cookies, muffins, sweet bread, or your specialty). We supply the drinks and help to clean up.

California Wildfire Relief: UCC's Global H.O.P.E. ministry brings compassionate aid to communities affected by disasters and displacement worldwide. Join us in making a difference by contributing to vital disaster and refugee relief efforts. Simply text UCCDISASTER to 41444 or visit <https://www.ucc.org/what-we-do/wider-church-ministries/global-hope/> to see a listing of all active appeals.

Support Our Youth! Buy Super Bowl Squares

Fifty percent of the funds raised will go to the Church Youth with the other fifty percent divided between the winners. Participants pay \$10/square and will pick the location of their square/s on the grid. Starting on Sunday, January 12 we will be selling the squares before and after church service. Once all the squares are sold, the numbers on the columns and rows that correspond to the last digits of each team's score will be randomly drawn. This assignment of the numbers to the rows and columns will be done at the Fellowship Hour following church service on Super Bowl Sunday, February 9. That way you will know what scores to root for during the game. This will be a fun day! Plan to stay for fellowship. We will have some good eats: sandwiches, soups, dips, and desserts to celebrate the day. If you have any questions about the football squares or would like to purchase squares but are not able to be present at church, please contact Missy Moxley at nehonbee@gmail.com. We will have some good eats: that day we are having congregants volunteer to bring in their favorite chili to share during fellowship hour to celebrate the day. Please let Karen (kl473@hotmail.com), Gwen (ggedwards922@gmail.com) or Missy (nehoneybee@gmail.com) know if you plan to bring chili for the celebration.

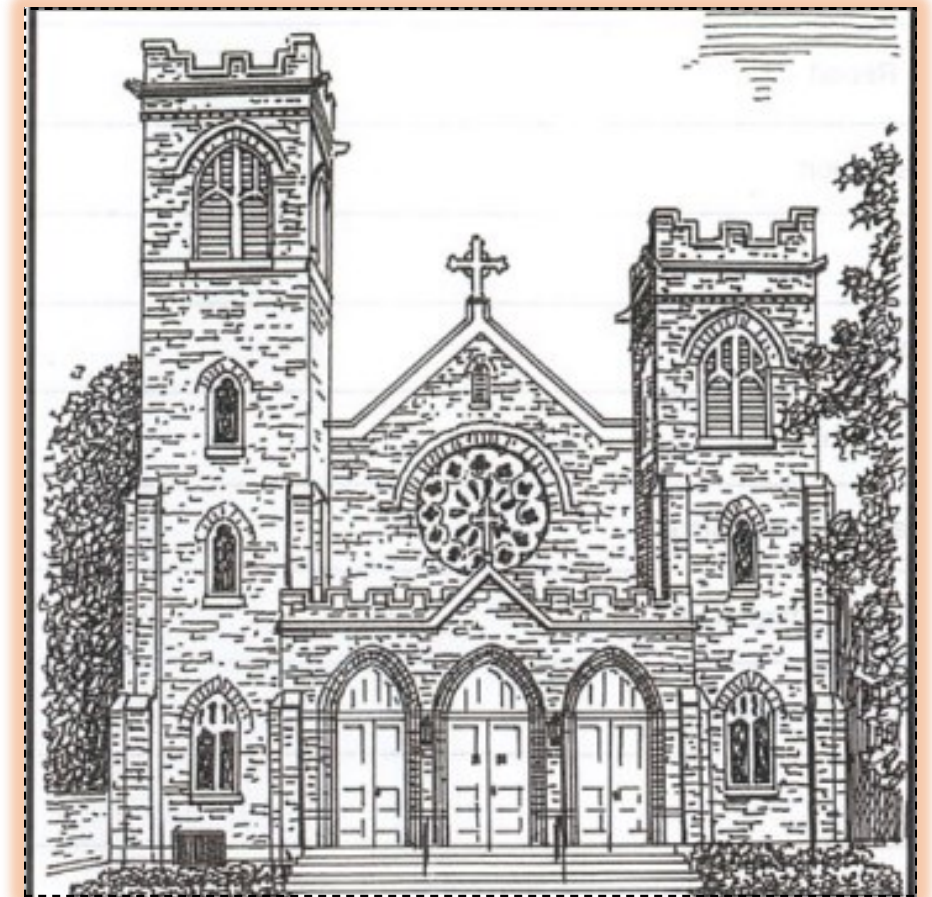
Large Print copies of today's scripture readings and hymns are available on the welcome desk.

Church Staff

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"Loving Our Neighbor Out Loud"

ORDER OF WORSHIP
MLK Sunday

Welcome

Passing the Peace

Ring of the Bell

Prelude: *There Is a Balm in Gilead* -arr. Adolphus Hailstork

Choral Introit: *Give Me Jesus*

CALL TO WORSHIP (YOU MAY DO THIS SEATED OR STANDING)

Leader: We gather to worship God,

All: Who creates us and loves us;

Leader: Who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community;

All: Who gives Jesus Christ to show us how to live;

Leader: Who inspires children, youth, young adults, and people of all ages,

All: To seek justice, share power, and live together in love and equality;

Leader: Who invites us to join the struggle for wholeness and wellbeing for all,

All: and whose presence, grace, and love sustain us in our living.

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All: To God be all glory, honor, and praise!

Gathering Prayer (in Unison) adapted from Kathleen Rolenz
Spirit of Justice, God who befriends those who stand upon the constant edges of decision,--crucial and alone, we are grateful to be together this morning. We believe that those of us who believe in freedom cannot rest until it comes, yet we know that freedom comes at a cost, and we know that racism and homophobia, ageism and ableism, sexism and classism --all of these often unacknowledged realities prevent us from fully knowing one another from creating the beloved community spoken of by prophets and ordinary persons alike. May we, like many who have gone before us continue to speak out against injustice-to speak even if we are afraid our words will not be heard or welcomed; may we have the courage to stand up for justice, reconciliation and truth, despite challenge and controversy. Dr. King went to the mountaintop; he saw the Promised Land, and he reassured us we will get there one day. May that be no paradisaal dream, but a reality in our own time. May it be so. Amen.

***Opening Hymn *Lift Every Voice and Sing* NCH #593**

Child In Us All Chapel

Offering

Music During Offering: *There Is a Balm in Gilead* --Earlene Rentz

***Doxology (music #780, text #778 NCH)**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication (In Unison)**

O God, we commit to use all our gifts --wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, discernment, administration, hospitality, and finances-- in the service of acting as co-workers with you and each other for peace and justice to flow like a mighty stream. Amen!

**Scripture Reading: Isaiah 1:11-17 (NRSV-ue)
Amos 5:21-24 (NRSV-ue)**

One: Here ends the reading. May God grant us wisdom and courage for interpretation.

All: Amen.

Sermon

Rev. Chance Martinez

***Sermon Hymn *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* NCH-472**

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

We invite you to pray this prayer using the words that are closest to your heart.

Our (Father/Mother/Creator) who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your 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 Yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Announcements

***Closing Hymn: *My Eyes Have Seen the Glory* NCH #610**

Benediction Video: *I've Been To The Mountaintop*

Postlude: *We Shall Overcome* -arr. Adolphus Hailstork

Please note that the Postlude is part of our service and we ask that you center yourselves as we close today's service.

Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome at Grace United Church of Christ. We pray that you would experience God's presence in our midst as we worship together.

SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: Nathan Strite and Grace Choir
Greeters: John and Carol Brehmer
Acolyte: Sophia Kaufman
Liturgist: John Brehmer
Sunday School: Missy Moxley
Child In Us All Chapel: Trish Abell
ASL Interpreter: Dana Martin
Offering: John and Carol Brehmer
Fellowship Hosts: Jean Barrick and Faye Zimmerman

WE WELCOME ALL VISITORS

If you are visiting for the first time today, please stop at the Welcome Table (in the lobby) to receive a gift bag. We also welcome you to join us in front of the Sanctuary for Grace in Five where we will introduce you briefly to the ministries of Grace UCC.

Joys and Concerns: If you have a Joy or Concern that you would like shared during our service today, please fill out a Joy and Concern Card and drop it in the plate at the front of the Sanctuary during the Passing of the Peace.

Are you receiving the weekly Grace UCC E-mail News Blast? If the answer is no...please email the church office at admin@grucc.com to be added to distribution list.

You are invited to join us for Bible Study each Sunday. There are three opportunities each week to participate (9:30am-In-Person; 12:30pm-In-Person; or 7:00pm via Zoom.

Giving This Month to Date: \$5,716.83
Total Needed Monthly to Meet Budget: \$14,583.33
Toward Goal to Date: 39%

Attendance Last Week: 46