

PRAYBILL

September on Broadway



Grace United Church of Christ

September 16, 2018

11:00 a.m.

SERVICE OF THE WORD
SEPTEMBER 16, 2018
WORSHIP
"LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS"

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

"Little Shop of Horrors"

words by Howard Ashman, music by Alan Menken

soloists Jessica Kehler, soprano, Katie Rattigan, alto, Nicola Sussman, alto

Welcome

Please sign the red Friendship Book in your pew.

Call of the Engelbrecht Memorial Bell

*Call to Worship

Leader: Terrifying enemies surface- as such enemies often do- in the seemingly most innocent and unlikely of places.

People: Greed, envy, division and conflict; Causing us to dream of new places.

Leader: From the brokenness of Skid Row we dream of somewhere that's green,

People: Where life is better, where love is sweeter.

Leader: But in You O God, We realize that Love is not measured by how others treat us.

People: True Worth is not measured by success in this world.

Leader: In You Lord, is my true worth revealed.

People: In You O Lord, do I find my fate and my future.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*Opening Hymn

Blessed Be Your Name

W&S #3002

*Opening Prayer (unison)

It is tempting holy God, to measure our worth by the actions and behavior of others. It is easy to dream of a new day, a new life. And God, you teach us to dream, you call us to envision a new world. But in that dream, let us never forget our true selves. Forgive us, if in our zeal for a better life, we have forgotten the promises of our Baptism or neglected to care for others as your creation. Forgive us for those times when we have been tempted to sell out our values for the joys of life that can never really satisfy. Heal us and restore us O God, to the glory of your name. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

We Listen

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:1-9

John Brehmer

Special Music

"Feed Me (Git It!)"

words by Howard Ashman, music by Alan Menken

soloists: Robert Apgar, baritone, Jonas Dawson, baritone,
Jessica Kehler, soprano, Katie Rattigan, alto, Nicola Sussman, alto

*Gospel Reading

Luke 19:1-10

Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor

Sermon

"The Pursuit of Happiness"

Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor

Special Music

"Suddenly Seymour"

words by Howard Ashman, music by Alan Menken

soloists: Taylor Knapp, soprano, Jonas Dawson, baritone,
Jessica Kehler, soprano, Carrie Minnick, soprano, Nicola Sussman, alto
accompanied by James Taylor

We Respond

Prayer of the People

Call for Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Somewhere That's Green"
words by Howard Ashman, music by Alan Menken
soloist Carrie Minnick, soprano

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 unison)

*Closing Hymn "A Wilderness Wandering People" W&S #3113

*Benediction

Ringing of the Engelbrecht Memorial Bell

*Postlude

"Dentist!"
words by Howard Ashman, music by Alan Menken
soloists: Robert Apgar, baritone, Jessica Kehler, soprano,
Katie Rattigan, alto, Nicola Sussman, alto

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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!***



*The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by Peter Abell, in honor of his mother's birthday on September 14th, and in memory of his father, Ken, who died on September 17th, 2007.*

***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. On Sunday mornings, she will be preaching at Mt. Pleasant Reformed UCC, and then heading to Grace in time to worship with us.

**GERMAN CHURCH DELEGATION VISITS GRACE OCT. 24TH - NOV. 1ST**

**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!

# September on Broadway

Sundays at 11AM throughout September

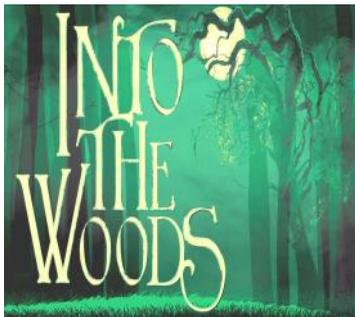
Pastor Rob presents sermons based on popular Broadway musicals! Come join us for the fun and fantasy and to see how these musicals relate to scripture and topics in our everyday lives. Today's service will feature music from "Little Shop of Horrors."

Little Shop of Horrors is a delectable sci-fi horror musical with an electrifying 1960s pop/rock score by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman.

Seymour Krelborn is a meek and dejected assistant at a floral shop who happens upon a strange plant, which he affectionately names "Audrey II" after his crush at the shop. Little does he know that this strange and unusual plant will develop a soulful R&B voice, a potty mouth, and an unquenchable thirst for HUMAN BLOOD.

As Audrey II grows bigger and meaner, the carnivorous plant promises limitless fame and fortune to Seymour, as long as he continues providing a fresh supply of blood. Just when it's too late, Seymour discovers Audrey II's extra-terrestrial origins and his true drive for world-domination.

Please join us for our 2 remaining services in the series:

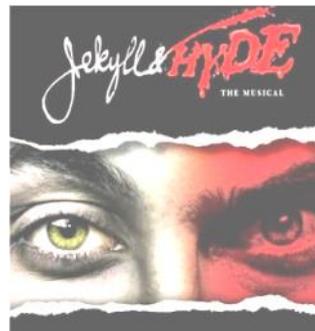


**Sunday, September 23rd, 2018**

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: I Samuel 16: 1-12

2 Samuel 12: 7-13

Luke 19: 1-10

Sermon: **Where's Waldo?**



## Youth trip to the Great Frederick Fair!

Wednesday, September 19th - 9:30-3:00

Leave Grace at 9:30 -- return to 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!

**(Adults are needed to chaperone and drive.)**

*A note from Gwen McGee and Mark Edwards -*

We are getting married in ONE WEEK at Grace!!!!  
Our church family is far too large to invite everyone from Grace to the reception. However, we want to invite each and every one of you to our ceremony to share in our special day. It's approaching 2 years since we've been at Grace, and we are thankful for the friendships, the support, the love and the openness that has been shared with us! We love continuing to learn more about each of you, as our church family grows. Please join us at Grace for our wedding on September 22, 2018 at 2pm.



MONTHLY Grace Vine Print Newsletter

NEXT ISSUE: OCTOBER 2018

**ARTICLE DEADLINE: Monday, September 17th**

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).

Grace UCC

**SUPPER  
CLUB**



**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!

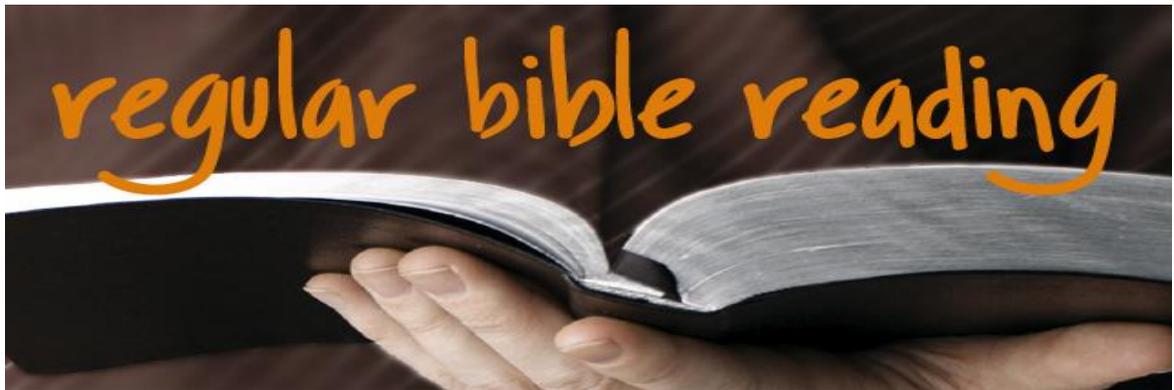
## CARING AND SHARING



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 Pastor Rob at 240-217-2767.



**Sunday, September 16, 2018:** Proper 19  
(24)

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19;  
Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 116:1-9;

or

Wisdom of Solomon 7:26 - 8:1;

James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

**Monday, September 17, 2018:**

Psalm 73:21-28

Proverbs 22:1-21

Romans 3:9-20

**Tuesday, September 18, 2018:**

Psalm 73:21-28

Proverbs 25:1-28

Colossians 3:1-11

**Wednesday, September 19, 2018:**

Psalm 73:21-28

Proverbs 29:1-27

John 7:25-36

**Thursday, September 20, 2018:**

Psalm 1

Proverbs 30:1-10

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

**Friday, September 21, 2018:**

Psalm 1

Proverbs 30:18-33

Romans 11:25-32

**Saturday, September 22, 2018:**

Psalm 1

Ecclesiastes 1:1-18

Matthew 23:29-39

**Sunday, September 23, 2018:** Proper 20

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 31:10-31

or Jeremiah 11:18-20

Psalm 1

James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a

Mark 9:30-37



## Treasurer's Report

|             | <b>August 2018</b> | <b>2018 Year-to-Date</b> |
|-------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Income:     | \$ 12,332.22       | \$ 107,725.70            |
| Expenses:   | \$ 17,779.77       | \$ 173,557.16            |
| Difference: | (\$ 5,447.55)      | (\$ 65,831.46)           |

### 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.

### 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*

# GRACE CHURCH CALENDAR

## **Sunday, September 16**

Worship: Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor

September on Broadway: "Little Shop of Horrors"

9:45AM Christian Education Classes

11:00AM Worship (S)

5:00PM Redemption City Church (S)

## **Monday, September 17**

6:30PM The Frederick Center young adult group (2nd floor)

## **Tuesday, September 18**

6:30PM Man Kind Project (bsmt)

## **Wednesday, September 19**

*Church office closed*

9:30 AM Youth Group trip to the Great Frederick Fair

6:30PM TFC Youth Group (bsmt)

## **Thursday, September 20**

6:00PM Frederick Co. Health Dept. support group (bsmt)

6:00PM Zumba (GSR)

## **Friday, September 21**

12:30PM Coffee with COIPP (GSR)

5:30 PM McGee/Edwards wedding rehearsal (S)

8:00 PM N.A. Meeting (GSR)

## **Saturday, September 22**

2:00 PM McGee/Edwards wedding

## **Sunday, September 23**

Worship: Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor

September on Broadway: "Into the Woods"

9:45AM Christian Education Classes

11:00AM Worship (S)

5:00PM Redemption City Church (S)

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OF CHRIST**





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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 16**

Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor

Scripture Reader: John Brehmer

Altar Guild: Karen Kehoe

### **Sunday, September 23**

Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor

Scripture Reader: Sarah Drenning

Altar Guild: Joan Princler

*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.*