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The Grace Vine August 2021

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Grace UCC | Frederick Community Events

The Girl Scout Experience |Monday's in August

Aug 2nd, 9th, 16th, 2021 | 5:30pm—6:30pm | Fee $25

Join us s we jump into the Girl Scouts World. We will do STEM Projects, Crafts, Games, Songs & More! Make new friends an learn what the Girl Scouts are all about! To Register visit http://bit.ly/GSStarup37-5 or contact Ms. Stephanie Budnicki at subdicki@gscnc.org.

Super Hero Train Excursion

August 4th, 18th, & 25th 2021 | 11:30am—2:00pm

Come dressed as your favorite super hero! Train departs at 11:30am and returns at 2pm, with a stop in the park for a "bring your own" lunch and a super hero-themed story time presented by the Frederick County Public Library. This event will be held rain or shine.

Visit website for tickets: http://wsrr.org/ws/.

Frederick Home Show

August 7th 9:00am—5:00pm | August 8th 10:00am—4:00pm

Explore, shop, compare, and connect with over 100 vendors across all home professions. Meet the professionals in new home building, home improvement, landscaping, decorating, smart energy, and more. Find fresh ideas, innovative products, practical advice, and great deals from hundreds of experts all in 4 buildings at the Frederick Fairgrounds. For more info visit the website at https://www.frederickhomeshow.org/.

From Pastor Rob's Desk

Dear Friends,

As I write this, I am hearing news of the Delta variant of Covid starting to rise in alarming rates particularly in southern states and those states with lower vaccination rates. This leaves me concerned. I am concerned that people are so easily swayed by false information about vaccinations that are not supported by science and fact. I am concerned that pastors are telling their church people not to be vaccinated or NOT to mask. The reality is that science is clear: those who are vaccinated, while still at some risk to reinfect, are almost always unlikely to develop symptoms that will require hospitalization or lead to serious consequences. Recent statistics show that 97% of all hospitalizations at present are with unvaccinated people. Unlike previous strains, this Delta variant is affecting young people in more serious ways. One county reports that 20% of their hospitalized are under 18 years of age.

The reality is that this is a serious situation. I came back to the office after working from home for a year and one thing that struck me was the number of people I used to visit who had died in the past year. A friend is at present worried for his parents, BOTH of whom are in the hospital for Covid Pneumonia. Both decided not to vaccinate because their faith told them it wasn't necessary.

Let me be clear, to the point of offending. This is a serious issue. I was vaccinated, not because I am in a risk group, but because I love people who are. My mother, my grandchildren, and all of you, my church family. There are people in my life who are at higher risk, and it is the very least I can do to keep them safe.

The ministry of Jesus was very clear. It was to be a presence to the least, the last and the lost. His ministry, and by extension our ministry, is to make a place for those most vulnerable. The prevalent "I can do what I want and if you don't like it, that's your problem" is not any form of Christianity. Its selfish and antithetical to anything that looks like Jesus. Anyone who tells you differently doesn't know Jesus.

And so, I encourage you and those you love to get vaccinated as soon as possible. This is not an issue to be delicate about. People are ill, many have died and its incumbent upon us to do all we can to protect those we love. It really is what Jesus would do.

Be safe and have a great month!

Pastor Rob +

Mission and Outreach: Food Bank Collection

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!

Grace Thank You & Care Notes

A Pastoral Care note:

Due to the current HIPAA (Privacy) laws, hospitals are not permitted to contact churches on behalf of patients. If you know of a church member who is hospitalized, please inform the church office. In the case of an emergency hospitalization (whether yourself or a family member), please contact Pastor Rob at 240-217-2768.

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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 to add your email address to this distribution list!

Grace UCC Community Happenings!

The Girl Scout Experience

Join us as we jump into to world of Girl Scouts. We do STEM Projects, Crafts, Games, Song, And More! Make new friends and learn what Girl Scouts is all about!

Who: Girls in Grades K—5th Grade (not currently in Girl Scouts
When: 3 Mounts Beginning August 3rd, 2021 from 5:30pm—6:30pm
Where: GRUCC | Fee: $25 Includes Girl Scout Membership—Financial Assistance easily available.

To Register for the event visit: http://bit.ly/GSStartup37-5!
For questions or comments contact Ms. Stephanie Budnicki at sbudnicki@gscnc.org.

#WhereGirlsConnect

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
1 *In person & Virtual Worship* 11:00 AM Southern Asia Fellowship Lunch 12:15PM 	2 5:30 PM Girl Scouts Meeting 7:00 PM AV Ministry Meeting	3 7:00 PM FGB Meeting
SALVATION ARMY DAY CENTER PROGRAM 8:30 AM—4:30 PM DAILY		
8 *In person & Virtual Worship* 11:00 AM Special Congregational Meeting 12:15pm	9 *TBD/6:30 PM/TFC Young Adults 5:30 PM Girl Scouts Meeting 7:00 PM Property & Finance Meeting	10
SALVATION ARMY DAY CENTER PROGRAM 8:30 AM—4:30 PM DAILY		
15 *In person & Virtual Worship* 11:00 AM	16 *TBD/6:30 PM/TFC Young Adults 5:30 PM Girl Scouts Meeting	17
SALVATION ARMY DAY CENTER PROGRAM 8:30 AM—4:30 PM DAILY		
22 *In person & Virtual Worship* 11:00 AM	23 *TBD/6:30 PM/TFC Young Adults	24 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting
SALVATION ARMY DAY CENTER PROGRAM 8:30 AM—4:30 PM DAILY		
29 *In person & Virtual Worship* 11:00 AM	30 *TBD/6:30 PM/TFC Young Adults	31
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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 ***Wonderful Wednesday*** **7:00 PM Virtual Book Club**	5 ***TBD/ 6:30 PM GAMA Meeting**	6 	7
(Sunday through Saturday) IN GRACE UCC'S GOOD SHEPHERD ROOM			
11 ***Wonderful Wednesday*** **7:00 PM Virtual Book Club** *TBD/6:00 PM TFC Youth Group	12 *TBD/6:00 PM TFC Youth Group *TBD/7:00 PM TFC Board Mtg *TBD/7:00 PM MKP2	13	14
(Sunday through Saturday) IN GRACE UCC'S GOOD SHEPHERD ROOM			
18 *TBD/6:30 PM TFC Youth Group ***Wonderful Wednesday*** **7:00 PM Virtual Book Club**	19 *TBD/6 PM FCHD Support Group	20 ***Outside Groups/Facility Users: Grace Church building use TBD Will notify when reopens.**	21
(Sunday through Saturday) IN GRACE UCC'S GOOD SHEPHERD ROOM			
25 *TBD/6:30 PM TFC Youth Group ***Wonderful Wednesday*** **7:00 PM Virtual Book Club**	26 *TBD/7:00 PM MKP2	27	28
(Sunday through Saturday) IN GRACE UCC'S GOOD SHEPHERD ROOM			
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Small Groups Evenings

Every Wednesday | 7:00pm –8:30PM

Join us each Wednesday from 7-8:30 PM for our new small groups evening we are calling ***Wonderful Wednesdays!*** Every Wednesday, you are invited to join us for a small group that meets your interest. With Covid restrictions lightening, Wonderful Wednesday's small groups link-up's can be a great way to re-engage with the community! **What groups will we hos? That's up to you!** Currently a book group is already going strong. Help us create a perfect space for you!

Have an Idea for a Small Group Link-up? Share your ideas & group topics.!

Topics Include — Payer & Meditation Circles | Young Adults | Moms & Children Groups & much more! You decide, we provide!

Join us for Wonderful WEDNESDAYS !

Questions? Contact Pastor Rob at pastorrob@grucc.com or Careen at admin@grucc.com

Grace UCC Book Club Wednesday's at 7:00PM

Join us if you'd like to socialize, stretch your mind, or just leave the daily grind of life behind for a bit.

The Grace Book Club has decided on the next novel! We have decided to read, *The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid* by Bill Bryson. We decided to read through Chapter 8 "School Days" in our book for next week!

Bill Bryson was born in the middle of the American century, 1951, Iowa. Like millions of his generational peers, Bill Bryson grew up with a rich fantasy life as a superhero. In his case, he ran around his house and neighborhood with an old football jersey with a thunderbolt on it and a towel about his neck that served as his cape, leaping tall buildings in a single bound and vanquishing awful evildoers (and morons) as "The Thunderbolt Kid." Using this persona as a springboard, Bill Bryson re-creates the life of his family in all its transcendent normality—a life at once completely familiar to us all and as far away and unreachable as another galaxy. He brings us into the life of his loving but eccentric family, including affectionate portraits of his father, a gifted sportswriter and of his mother, whose job as the home furnishing editor.

Question or Wishing to nominate a book? Please join us on Wednesday or send suggestions to Missy M. at nehoneybee@gmail.com or Doris M. at: Dorismoxley@gmail.com!

For access go to the church website at grucc.com, Face Book page, or click the link below:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89654486377?pwd=T1VGSWh2NFVkRHhVVFk1cm1BUUppZz09

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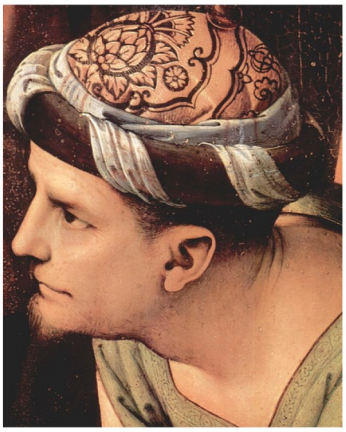
For All the Saints

Joseph of Arimathea (August 1)



Joseph of Arimathea by Pietro Perugino

For this month, I found a great reflection on the man responsible for providing a safe burial for Jesus on Good Friday. Enjoy!

THINGS WE CAN LEARN FROM JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA

Mark 15:43, 46 (CSB): "Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Sanhedrin who was himself looking forward to the kingdom of God, came and boldly went to Pilate and asked for Jesus's body….After he bought some linen cloth, Joseph took him down and wrapped him in the linen. Then he laid him in a tomb cut out of the rock and rolled a stone against the entrance to the tomb."

I admit it, I am intrigued with Joseph of Arimathea. One thing I love is that all four writers of the Gospels spent time discussing this man and his part in the burial of the body of Jesus in the tomb. But who was he? And what can we learn from his example in the Gospels?

First of all, all four Gospels show that although Joseph was a member of the Sanhedrin, he was a believer in Christ. Mark and Luke mentioned with subtlety that Joseph was looking forward to the kingdom, but Matthew put it even more bluntly, that Joseph "had become a disciple of Jesus" (Matt. 27:57). John added a little more detail, telling his readers that while Joseph was a disciple, he kept it a secret out of fear of the Jews.

Yet when the time came, Joseph acted in a way that made his faith public. Luke wrote in his Gospel that Joseph disagreed with the Sanhedrin on their attempt to do away with Jesus, but that opposition alone might not have fully exposed him as a disciple of Jesus. However, there was no doubting his allegiance when he boldly went to Pilate to ask for the body of Jesus. His request was astonishing because Joseph stood to lose everything: his wealth (Matt.27:57), his influence as a member of the Sanhedrin, his reputation, and even his life. Yet regardless of the cost, Joseph (along with Nicodemus) took Jesus off the cross, wrapped him in spices, and buried him in a freshly-cut tomb. Joseph's secret was out. There was no turning back. He was now known as a Christ follower.

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For All Saints (Continued)

But what can we learn from the example of Joseph? Here are a few quick thoughts on why Joseph's example is useful for us today:

Don't follow the crowd. Joseph had a faith in Jesus and was considered a disciple. This happened despite his being a member of the Sanhedrin, who were, as a group, bitterly opposed to Christ. However, Joseph held to his belief in Jesus and had a faith in Him despite his surroundings.

Follow Jesus. We don't know how vocal Joseph was in his opposition to the Sanhedrin regarding their actions toward Jesus, but he was against their plan. However, we do know for sure that Joseph risked everything in asking Pilate for the body of Jesus. Jesus said in Luke 9:24 (CSB), "For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life because of me will save it."

Trust in His timing. Joseph probably had no idea the days or weeks before the crucifixion that he would be able to be the one to honor Jesus' body by burying Him according to custom. Yet when the time came, he stepped out in faith. While Jesus' twelve disciples were scattered, Joseph was in the right position, the right place, and acted at just the right time.

You might be in the right place at the right time to act for the cause of Christ. It might come today or even next week, but the point is to be ready. For Joseph of Arimathea, the opportunity arrived, and he stepped out. What opportunities await you?

May 23, 2019 by Fran Trascritti
https://goexplorethebible.com/blog/articles/3-things-we-can-learn-from-joseph-of-arimathea/

Church Directory and Contact Information Update

Would you like to be added to the distribution list to receive church emails, newsletters, bulletins, and special announcements?
New personal contact information or a new family members?...
Keep the Church Office records up-to-date with your new or updated contact information!
Please contact the church office at **admin@grucc.com**
We would also like to add your birthday and wedding anniversary dates to the church records!

August 2021 Birthdays

Mat Lutman - August 08th
Doris Moxley - August 09th
Steve Failor - August 10th
Ron Marshall - August 10th
Jeff Kehne - August 11th
Pam Marshall - August 15th
Jordan Kehne - August 18th
Paul Himes - August 22th
Landes Harbaugh - August 24th
Eric Powell - August 24,th
Sophia Kaufman - August 25th
Vonnie Crum - August 26th
Doris Bottcher - August 28th

August Wedding Anniversary's

Lloyd & Virginia Taylor August 01, 1981
Liz & Vinny Tabbachino August 14, 2011
Ted & Norine Haas August 18, 1956
Pam & Ron Marshall August 28, 1968

Grace UCC Monthly Reading List

Grace Daily Readings

August readings List

This month we read our way though the history of the Hebrew people. The books of Samuel and Kings are great epic historical sagas of Israel and her leaders. In it we see great triumphs and grave mistakes, as Israel and her leaders struggle to learn what it means to be in right relationship with the One, True God. One Note worth mentioning: There really was no I and II Samuel, Kings or Chronicles. There was simply Samuel, Kings and Chronicles. They stories were just too large to fit on one scroll and so they formed 2 scrolls each, thus I and II. Enjoy the Month!

Sunday, August 1, 2021: Proper 13 (18)

Monday, August 2, 2021: Psalm 50:16-23; 2 Samuel 12:15-25; Ephesians 4:17-24

Tuesday, August 3, 2021: Psalm 50:16-23; 2 Samuel 13:1-19; 1 Corinthians 12:27-31

Wednesday, August 4, 2021: Psalm 50:16-23; 2 Samuel 13:20-36; Mark 8:1-10

Thursday, August 5, 2021: Psalm 130; 2 Samuel 13:37-14:24; Romans 15:1-6

Friday, August 6, 2021: Psalm 130; 2 Samuel 14:25-33; Galatians 6:1-10

Saturday, August 7, 2021: Psalm 130; 2 Samuel 15:1-13; Matthew 7:7-11

Sunday, August 8, 2021: Proper 14 (19)

Monday, August 9, 2021: Psalm 57; 2 Samuel 15:13-31; Ephesians 5:1-14

Tuesday, August 10, 2021: Psalm 57; 2 Samuel 18:19-33; 2 Peter 3:14-18

Wednesday, August 11, 2021: Psalm 57; 2 Samuel 19:1-18; John 6:35-40

Thursday, August 12, 2021: Psalm 111; 1 Kings 1:1-30; Acts 6:8-15

Friday, August 13, 2021: Psalm 111; 1 Kings 1:28-48; Romans 16:17-20

Saturday, August 14, 2021: Psalm 111; 1 Kings 2:1-11; John 4:7-26

Sunday, August 15, 2021: Proper 15 (20)

Monday, August 16, 2021: Psalm 101; 1 Kings 3:16-28; Acts 6:1-7

Tuesday, August 17, 2021: Psalm 101; 1 Kings 7:1-12; Acts 7:9-16

Wednesday, August 18, 2021: Psalm 101; 1 Kings 8:1-21; Mark 8:14-21

Thursday, August 19, 2021: Psalm 84; 1 Kings 4:20-28; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Friday, August 20, 2021: Psalm 84; 1 Kings 4:29-34; Romans 13:11-14

Saturday, August 21, 2021: Psalm 84; 1 Kings 5:1-12; Luke 11:5-13

Sunday, August 22, 2021: Proper 16 (21)

Monday, August 23, 2021: Psalm 11; 1 Kings 5:13-18; Ephesians 5:21-6:9

Tuesday, August 24, 2021: Psalm 11; 1 Kings 6:1-14; Ephesians 6:21-24

Wednesday, August 25, 2021: Psalm 11; 1 Kings 6:15-38; John 15:16-25

Thursday, August 26, 2021: Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; Song of Solomon 1:1-17; James 1:1-8

Friday, August 27, 2021: Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; Song of Solomon 2:1-7; James 1:9-16

Saturday, August 28, 2021: Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; Hosea 3:1-5; John 18:28-32

Sunday, August 29, 2021: Proper 17 (22)

Monday, August 30, 2021: Psalm 144:9-15; Song of Solomon 3:6-11; 1 Timothy 4:6-16

Tuesday, August 31, 2021: Psalm 144:9-15; Song of Solomon 5:2-6:3; 1 Peter 2:19-25

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We are now on both Instagram & Facebook!

Want to see more of Grace Church Events & Community News? Have a great memory to share?
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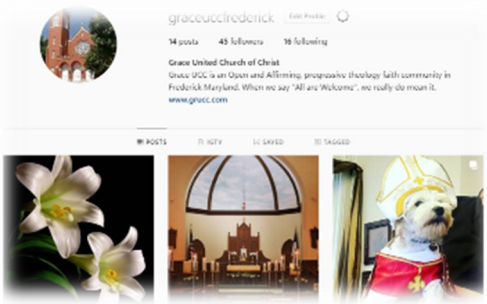

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