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Grace UCC Community Events

Seeing the Extraordinary in the Ordinary February 2nd, 2022 - February 27th, 2022

Recurring Weekly | Wednesdays - Sundays
DISTRICT ARTS | 15 North Market Street, Frederick, MD
12:00 PM to 6:00 PM | Free Admission

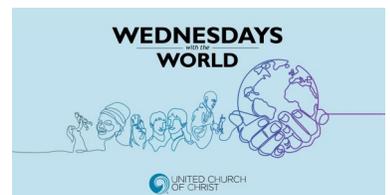


Woodstock, MD artist Marcia Palmer's oil paintings embody her view of everyday life. In her work she takes daily scenes and explores the intricacies that can make them captivating. She says, "It's so easy to overlook the beauty in the details of things we see every day. I like to freeze-frame an image in an organic way and for the viewer to be able to connect with my work through its comfortable familiarity." The exhibition runs from February 2 through February 27 with a reception for the artist on February 12 from 5 to 7. Visit <https://www.districtarts.com/marcia-palmer-exhibition> for more information including gallery hours.

UCC Webinar Series: Wednesdays with the 1st + 3rd WEDNESDAYS, 2-3 PM ET

The Wednesdays with the World webinar series highlights the ways in which the quest for justice is intersectional and global, providing opportunities for increased awareness of global concerns, and highlighting opportunities for advocacy and action. [Visit https://www.ucc.org/programming-webinars/](https://www.ucc.org/programming-webinars/) to subscribe or view past webinars.

Upcoming Series Webinars
[The Politics of Persecution: Middle Eastern Christians in an Age of Empire](#) Feb 23rd, 2022 | 11:00am



FROM PASTOR ROB'S DESK

Dear Friends

February is by far my least favorite month of the year, but on the good side, it's the shortest too! February is the month most people associate with love...Valentines Day.

Rather than drone on to you about how cold, miserable and seemingly endless this 4 dreadful weeks are... I figured I would take a few moments and talk with you about the concept of love.

Did you know there are several types of love in the Bible? In English we use one word: LOVE. But that love is very different for different things. You hopefully don't love ice cream the same way you love your kids, for example. Yet in English we can express our feelings for both chocolate ice cream and my child using the same word. Crazy, huh? Its not that way in other languages. In German (the other language in my wheelhouse) we "Love" our significant other. We "have love for" family and close friends. We only "really like" food and other things. While people use it colloquially, you technically only have love for things with which you have a relationship. And while I may look like I have a deep meaningful relationship with ice cream, it is in fact not the case!

In Greek (the New Testament was written in Greek) there are several types of love. Eros is erotic love. The intimate love we have for our partner. Eros is about passionate love most often expressed in sexual ways. Eros is obviously where we get the word erotic, but eros love doesn't have the tawdry connotation that erotic does for the modern ear. Eros can be pure and holy love. It's the love in the Bible than most reflects God's love for us as the marital bond is often used to reflect the relationship between God and God's people or Christ and the Church.

Storgi is the love of family. Its parent to child, brother to sister. Grandchild to grandparent. It is described as the most natural of loves. Natural in that it's present without corrosion. It's emoted because we can't help ourselves and it pays the least attention as to whether the person is worthy of love. It's often transient behaviors that wouldn't be tolerated in philia love. For example, women can continue to love their children despite truly awful behaviors. Behaviors they wouldn't tolerate in their friends or their spouses. It seems to come unbidden in the care of a newborn and it grows to allow us to love our children despite their behaviors. Thank goodness for that!



Philia is the love we have for friends (Philadelphia is the city of Brotherly love) This is the love that is good for your health. The touch of a loved one. The philia touch lowers blood pressure. People in loving relationships feel your love have few doctor visits, shorter hospital visits, have less pain, and have more positive emotions. All of these positive consequences of philia love, loving friendships make us more resilient when hard times come. It must also be a part of an intimate relationship. When after years together and the “hot and bothered” eros love in the relationship has gone the wayside, it is the Philia love that sustains a couple. Its that deep friendship that transcends other loves.

Finally, the love least understood is Agape (pronounces A-GAH-Pay). Agape love is the love that is given whether or not it's returned. It's the love without any self-benefit. In the Buddhist tradition it is the central foundation of loving kindness for all humankind. It does not imply a relationship of any kind. I care for hungry people throughout the world, not because I want a partner (eros) or because I need a friend (philos) not because I am related for them (storgi). I care because I am called to care for all people and because every person is a person of dignity who reflects the image of God. When the Bible tells us to “Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” The word that is used there is Agape. Love them. Care for them, pray for them. Do no harm to them. Its not saying to have a relationship with them and to make shopping or fishing companions with them. That’s a different kind of love.

So this month lets celebrate all the various gifts of Love in our lives. May we tend our intimate relationship with such care that it truly reflects God’s love for us. May we care for our families and friends in life-giving ways. And may we see the image of God reflected in all persons, so that they may truly know the fullness of their dignity and the depth of our faith.

Have a great month!

Pastor Rob +

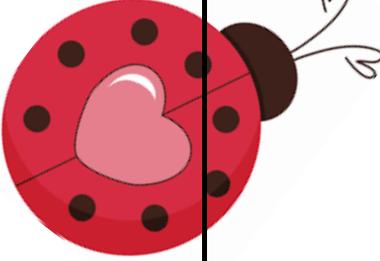
GRACE THANK YOU & CARE NOTES

A PASTORAL CARE NOTE:

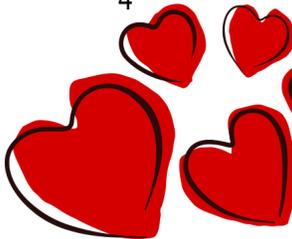
Due to the current HIPAA (Privacy) laws, hospitals are not permitted to contact churches on behalf of patients. If you know of a church member who is hospitalized, please inform the church office. In the case of an emergency hospitalization (whether yourself or a family member), please contact Pastor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

Millie Davis	801 Pine Ave., Frederick, MD 21701
Eleanor Free	Citizens Nursing Home Rm 151B 1920 Rosemont Ave, Frederick, MD 21702 (Call the office if you’d like Eleanor’s phone #)
Pam Kehne	1632 Wall Dr., Pasadena, MD 21122



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
		
SALVATION ARMY DAY CENTER PROGRAM 8:30 AM—4:30 PM DAILY		
<p style="text-align: center;">6</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Virtual Worship</i> 11:00 AM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00 PM AV Ministry Meeting</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Virtual Worship</i> 11:00 AM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">21</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">HAPPY PRESIDENT'S DAY</p> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">22</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00 PM Church Council Meeting</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
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<p style="text-align: center;">27</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Virtual Worship</i> 11:00 AM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">28</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	
SALVATION ARMY DAY CENTER PROGRAM 8:30 AM—4:30 PM DAILY		



WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>2</p> <p><i>Wonderful Wednesday</i> 7:00 PM Virtual Book Club</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>*TBD/ 6:30 PM GAMA Meeting</p>	<p>4</p> 	<p>5</p> 
<p>(Sunday through Saturday) IN GRACE UCC'S GOOD SHEPHERD ROOM</p>			
<p>9</p> <p><i>Wonderful Wednesday</i> 7:00 PM Virtual Book Club</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>*TBD/7:00 PM MKP2</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>(Sunday through Saturday) IN GRACE UCC'S GOOD SHEPHERD ROOM</p>			
<p>16</p> <p><i>Wonderful Wednesday</i> 7:00 PM Virtual Book Club</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>*TBD/6 PM FCHD Support Group</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <div data-bbox="979 1016 1455 1163" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>*Outside Groups/Facility Users: Grace Church building use TBD Will notify when reopens.</p> </div>
<p>(Sunday through Saturday) IN GRACE UCC'S GOOD SHEPHERD ROOM</p>			
<p>23</p> <p><i>Wonderful Wednesday</i> 7:00 PM Virtual Book Club</p> 	<p>24</p> <p>*TBD/7:00 PM MKP2</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> 
<p>(Sunday through Saturday) IN GRACE UCC'S GOOD SHEPHERD ROOM</p>			
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FOR ALL THE SAINTS

Anne Hutchinson (February 5th)



Considered one of the earliest American feminists, Anne Hutchinson was a spiritual leader in colonial Massachusetts who challenged male authority—and, indirectly, acceptable gender roles—by preaching to both women and men and by questioning Puritan teachings about salvation.

Anne Marbury Hutchinson was born in England, the daughter of dissident minister Francis Marbury and Bridget Dryden. She grew up in Alford in Lincolnshire, where her father taught her scripture. In 1612, she married William Hutchinson, a merchant and member of a prominent family. From 1614 to 1630, she gave birth to

more than a dozen children.

Although, like many women of her era, she had no formal education, Hutchinson was an avid reader and thinker. She was inspired by Reverend John Cotton, vicar at the nearby Lincolnshire parish. After Cotton joined other religious dissidents in North America, Hutchinson's family migrated to the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

Hutchinson was forty-three years old when she arrived in Boston in 1634. Trained as a midwife, Hutchinson developed strong ties to local women and began holding meetings with them in her home to discuss Cotton's sermons. Gradually, the meetings shifted to critiques of Puritan beliefs about the Covenant of Works—the role of good works and adherence to religious law in salvation. Hutchinson, like Cotton, stressed salvation by God's grace alone (the Covenant of Grace), and she disavowed the Puritan belief that good works were a sign of God's grace. Soon her meetings became popular with men, including prominent men.

But Hutchinson's popularity disturbed religious leaders—who were the true authority in the theocratic Bay Colony. Hutchinson was tried in 1637 for heresy. But the real issue was her defiance of gender roles—particularly that she presumed authority over men in her preaching. At a time when men ruled and women were to remain silent, Hutchinson asserted her right to preach, which her husband avidly supported. However, her former mentor, Reverend Cotton, turned on her, describing her meetings as a “promiscuous and filthy coming together of men and women...”

The real issue to those in power was that she dared to overstep her place as a woman, and they feared she would likewise inspire other women to rebel. They said she had “rather been a Husband than a Wife and a preacher than a Hearer; and a Magistrate than a Subject.” In asserting her rights, Hutchinson miscalculated when she told the court that she had received a direct revelation from God and that she could interpret the scriptures for herself. The assertion sealed her fate.

In March, 1638, Hutchinson was excommunicated and banished from the colony. The Hutchinson's moved to Roger Williams' more liberal colony of Rhode Island. In 1642, following the death of her husband, Hutchinson relocated to the Dutch colony of New Netherlands (now New York), and settled on Long Island Sound. There, she and her family—with the exception of one daughter—were killed in an Indian massacre. Initially, historians thought the attack was in response to whites taking Indian lands, however, some historians also speculate that it may have been provoked by Puritans. Today a river and a highway in that area bear the Hutchinson name. (from Womenshistory.org)



GRACE UCC UPDATES!

Grace UCC Afterschool Program



We are beginning an afterschool program for kids up through elementary school. Join us each Wednesday at 4 PM for a time of music, videos, Bible lessons and crafts. We are meeting via Zoom under the leadership of Kelly Pineda, our new Director of Children and

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

Youth Ministry. To know more, please contact Kelly at Youthministry@grucc.com!

Topic: After School Program

Time: 4:00 PM(EST) Every Wednesday, until Dec 21st, 2022

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZYlduCupzwoG9b7aIQELuiXEeOun7pcrDEc/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGqpiojHN2SshiFRpwQGoj4Xe7xmGZBjfpfyx7MMgV_dwrOE-dtJ7woANvC

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82819697212?pwd=bFhKd1hSQ2tyU2JyVVBFcGNjSWlxQT09>

Meeting ID: 828 1969 7212

Passcode: 137541

HAVE A GRACE VINE UPDATE??



Would you like to be added to the distribution list to receive church emails, monthly newsletters, weekly 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!



2021 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Grace Family!

The giving statements for 2021 have been mailed. If you do not receive yours in a timely fashion, please reach out to us and we can email it to you!



~Thank you for your generosity!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Children's Church stopped during the height of the pandemic, but its time to restart it for kids grades 1-5. Videos, Music, Bible Lessons and snacks are a great way to spend time during the service. Kids leave after the children's moment and return for the closing hymn. Its about 25-30 minutes each week. We need YOU to help take turns leading this important ministry. It will hopefully not be more than once every 4-5 weeks. All the resources are provided. Talk to Kelly or Pastor Rob to know more! *(Personal Note: We are trying very hard to grow the children's ministry, but it can't happen without help. Please do consider being a part of this important ministry!)*



GRACE ON GOING MISSIONS

COLLECTIONS FOR THE FREDRICK FOOD BANK



Don't forget our food collection weekly at church. The basket is filling up again after many months of slow activity due to Covid. The food is blessed on the 3rd Sunday of each month and then brought to the Frederick Food Bank.

~Thank you for your continued generosity!



FEBRUARY 2022 BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday!

Lucien Winegar	February 2nd
Doug Crum	February 5th
Karen Kehoe	February 19th
Charlotte Kern	February 19th
Lloyd Taylor	February 19th
Andrew Brehmer	February 22nd
Rob Apgar-Taylor	February 24th
Lester Slick	February 24th
Meghan Callis	February 27th
Kelly Neuens	February 28th
Careen Walker	February 28th

FEBRUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



Guy Johnson & Bob Davis - February 7th, 2017



GRACE UCC MONTHLY READING LIST

Grace Daily Readings

Dear Friends,

This month is completely entrenched in Common Time so there is not an obvious theme that runs through our readings like their might be during Lent or Advent. The one thing that sticks out to me is a number of readings from Corinthians. Modern Scholars attribute the letter to Sosthenes, written at Paul's instruction. Written in about 54 CE, the Letters to the Church at Corinth were written to encourage and correct the fledgling faith community founded just 4 years earlier. In the letters and through Sosthenes, Paul's scribe, the apostle instructs the Corinthians concerning quarreling and division among them. To be honest, the Corinthians were Paul's problem children, struggling with human distinctions and opinions that got in the way of their unity and witness to the world around them. Paul reminds them that now they see through a glass dimly, but one day they will see everything clearly. Enjoy a glimpse into the world of 1st century Corinth!



Tuesday, February 1, 2022: Psalm 56; 2 Kings 5:1-14; 1 Corinthians 14:13-25

Wednesday, February 2, 2022: Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10, Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 2:22-40

Wednesday, February 2, 2022: Psalm 56; Jeremiah 1:11-19; Luke 19:41-44

Thursday, February 3, 2022: Psalm 138; Numbers 20:22-29; Acts 9:19b-25

Friday, February 4, 2022: Psalm 138; Numbers 27:12-23; Acts 9:26-31

Saturday, February 5, 2022: Psalm 138; Judges 3:7-11; Luke 4:42-44

Sunday, February 6, 2022: Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Monday, February 7, 2022: Psalm 115; Judges 5:1-11; 1 Corinthians 14:26-40

Tuesday, February 8, 2022: Psalm 115; 1 Samuel 9:15-10:1b; 1 Timothy 3:1-9

Wednesday, February 9, 2022: Psalm 115; Isaiah 8:1-15; Luke 5:27-32

Thursday, February 10, 2022: Psalm 1; Jeremiah 13:12-19; Acts 13:26-34

Friday, February 11, 2022: Psalm 1; Jeremiah 13:20-27; 1 Peter 1:17-2:1

Saturday, February 12, 2022: Psalm 1; Jeremiah 17:1-4; Luke 11:24-28

Sunday, February 13, 2022: Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany



Monday, February 14, 2022: Psalm 120; 2 Kings 24:18-25:21; 1 Corinthians 15:20-34

Tuesday, February 15, 2022: Psalm 120; Ezra 1:1-11; 2 Corinthians 1:12-19

Wednesday, February 16, 2022: Psalm 120; Jeremiah 22:11-17; Luke 11:37-52

Thursday, February 17, 2022: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; Genesis 43:16-34; Romans 8:1-11

Friday, February 18, 2022: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; Genesis 44:1-17; 1 John 2:12-17

Saturday, February 19, 2022: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; Genesis 44:18-34; Luke 12:57-59

Sunday, February 20, 2022: Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Monday, February 21, 2022: Psalm 38; Genesis 33:1-17; 1 Corinthians 11:2-16

Tuesday, February 22, 2022: Psalm 38; 1 Samuel 24:1-22; 1 Corinthians 11:17-22, 27-33

Wednesday, February 23, 2022: Psalm 38; Leviticus 5:1-13; Luke 17:1-4

Thursday, February 24, 2022: Psalm 99; Deuteronomy 9:1-5; Acts 3:11-16

Friday, February 25, 2022: Psalm 99; Deuteronomy 9:6-14; Acts 10:1-8

Saturday, February 26, 2022: Psalm 99; Deuteronomy 9:15-24; Luke 10:21-24

Sunday, February 27, 2022: Transfiguration Sunday

Monday, February 28, 2022: Psalm 35:11-28; Exodus 35:1-29; Acts 10:9-23a

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