

# Grace Vine

## Grace United Church of Christ

*An Open and Affirming Congregation*

25 East 2nd Street

Historic Downtown Frederick, Maryland

## AUGUST 2017

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### Important Dates at a Glance

#### August 12th - 19th

Grace Church hosts the  
Emergency Family Shelter

#### Sunday, August 20th

Special music from the choir  
before they leave for Germany

Volunteers from Grace serve  
at the Frederick Soup Kitchen



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## FROM THE PASTOR

Friends,

I am in the office for the last day today before I head out for vacation in Tucson. I am looking forward to it as it is not just vacation, but a reunion. I will spend time with about 30 friends I have not seen in several years, a few of whom I have not seen in 35 years! After that, we drive to Phoenix to see some adopted family for a few days before we return home. It will be more than vacation; it will be a time to reconnect with Rob, with friends, and with myself. Why am I telling you this? I'm glad you asked!

Sometimes we need to be *reminded* to take care of ourselves. If you are like me, a lot of people ask things of you. *Can you help with this, can you go here or there, etc...* and all that is good stuff. But very rarely does someone ask if you are caring for you! How are you taking care of yourself? What are the ways you get some downtime? The fact is that an empty chalice can't quench anyone's thirst. A burnt out match can't light anyone's candle. If you are tired, burned out and just spiritually or emotionally empty, it's hard for you to be a source of strength for anyone!

So today I am telling as your pastor to be a little bit selfish. Do something that feeds your soul. Take some time to replenish your energy and to give yourself joy. Trust me...it is the best gift you can give yourself and those who love you. They won't tell you, but I will: **NO ONE wants to be around you if you are grumpy and worn out!!** Sorry, but it's the truth!

So as I practice what I preach by taking some time for re-creation with friends, I encourage you to do the same. Find time for you. Take a nice walk. Go watch the sunrise on the beach. Treat yourself to a good movie. Go ahead, make yourself the priority just this once. It's ok. Your pastor told you to!

Have a wonderful August!

Pastor Rob†



**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 call Pastor Rob at 240-217-2767.

## FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE



**Let's keep in touch!** Each week, the Grace Church eNews is sent out to our members and friends to keep everyone up-to-date on upcoming events. If you haven't been receiving these Friday updates, please email the church office to be added to the list.

**Mark your calendar now!** The submission deadline for the September issue of the *Grace Vine* newsletter is Monday, August 21st. The newsletter will be ready for pickup from the Narthex on Sunday, August 27th.

If you currently receive a paper copy of the *Grace Vine* newsletter, but would prefer to receive the newsletter by email, or read it online, please call or email the church office so that we can save the postage. Thank you!

### **A friendly reminder from Pastor Rob:**

Are you planning an event at the Church? If so, PLEASE remember to call Tara in the church office and make sure to get on the calendar ASAP. This means BEFORE you make plans, invite people, advertise, etc... The Church is getting increasingly busy throughout the week and we have had a few events that did not get cleared through the office. Luckily none of them conflicted with scheduled events, but they came pretty close! Let's avoid embarrassing double bookings by making sure there are no conflicts with the building usage. Thanks so much!!

### **Church Directories**

Do you need an updated copy of our member directory? Please contact the church office or speak to an usher on Sunday morning. Due to privacy concerns, we do not publish our directory on the church website.

# FINANCE AND PROPERTY



## **A LOOK at the BUDGET**

### Treasurer's Report

#### June 2017

Income: \$15,496.99  
Expenses: \$16,560.68  
Difference: - \$1,063.69

#### 2017 Year-to-Date

Income: \$94,327.89  
Expenses: \$114,998.17  
Difference: - \$20,670.28

### **Offering Envelopes and Electronic Giving Options**

Boxes of offering envelopes are available in the Narthex for anyone who would like to use envelopes for regular giving. Simply write your name on the sign-up sheet next to the number that you've chosen.

If you would rather give electronically, we offer 2 options:

1. You can sign up for our super-convenient *UCC e-Giving* program and 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 the Library, or call the church office.)

or

2. You can make donations through our website ([grucc.com](http://grucc.com)) using PayPal!

If you decide to participate in our electronic giving programs, we offer "I give electronically" cards to place in the offering plate on Sunday mornings.

### **IMPORTANT SECURITY REMINDERS:**

The side and back doors will be locked during worship on Sunday mornings, in order to prevent people walking through the building while everyone is in the Sanctuary.

After worship each Sunday, the main doors to the Sanctuary (the Narthex doors) are locked from the inside. If you stay for the fellowship time after worship, please remember to exit by the side doors rather than the Narthex doors. Thank you for your cooperation!

# CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

9 Jacob Taylor  
10 Steve Failor  
Ron Marshall  
15 Pam Marshall  
18 Jordan Kehne  
Sarah Malasky



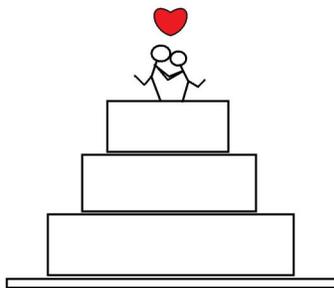
22 Paul Himes  
24 Eric Powell  
25 Sophia Kaufman  
26 Vonnie Crum  
28 Doris Bottcher

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

*Lloyd and Virginia Taylor*  
*August 1st*

*Liz and Vinny Tabbachino*  
*August 14th*

*Ted and Norine Haas*  
*August 18th*



*Pam and Ron Marshall*  
*August 28th*



### UPDATE

Our drop-in Zumba class is on hiatus until the weather cools off. We'll let you know when it resumes!

**Free  
Blood Pressure  
Screenings**



On the first Sunday of every month, our Faith Community Nurse, Mike Stockman, provides free blood pressure screenings during fellowship.

Dear Pastor Rob and the Grace Family:

Thank you for all of the love and care you extended to our invited guests during my Ordination Celebration on June 24, 2017. I know I should say more than thank you, but I'm still so overwhelmed, that's all I have. The celebration exceeded all my expectations, and it was because of your dedication to hospitality. Bob and I are forever grateful for the love and care you continue to show us.

May our God continue to bless each and every one of you.

With Much Love,

Rev. Guy S. Johnson

### **New Members Class**

For those interested in joining Grace Church, or just getting to know more about us, our next New Members Class will be held in September. Please speak to Pastor Rob if you would like to be a part of the class.

### **Upper Room Devotionals**

Devotional booklets are available in the Narthex for anyone who would like a resource for daily prayer. There are regular and large-print versions, and there is no cost for the booklets, although donations are gladly accepted.

### **Greeters and Fellowship Hosts**

Volunteer greeters are needed every Sunday morning to welcome our members and guests to worship. Volunteer fellowship hosts provide snacks and drinks after worship on the first and third Sundays of each month.

On the last Sunday of every month, the Congregational Life Commission will host a birthday party for everyone who celebrated a birthday during that month. (Please be sure that your birthday is on file with the church office so that you can be recognized!)

If you would like to serve as a greeter or host the fellowship time one Sunday, please sign up on the sheet in the Good Shepherd Room or speak to Rob Apgar ("Cop Rob").

## Caring and Sharing

The following is a list of members and friends of our Grace Church family who are currently ill, home-bound, recovering from an injury or surgery, or hospitalized. If you know of anyone who should be added to this list, please call the church office or speak to Pastor Rob. If you would like to get involved in the **Lay Caring Ministry** by sending cards, making phone calls, or visiting anyone on the list, please speak to Mike Stockman.

Harold Wenner  
615 Biggs Ave.  
Frederick, MD 21702

Millie Davis  
801 Pine Ave.  
Frederick, MD 21701

Joe Free  
1117 Rocky Springs Rd.  
Frederick, MD 21702

Betty Linton  
814 Trail Ave.  
Frederick, MD 21701

Paul and Miriam Himes  
9810 Masser Rd.  
Frederick, MD 21702

Pam Kehne  
1632 Wall Dr.  
Pasadena, MD 21122

Karlene Kaufmann  
2501 Driftwood Ct.  
Apt. 1B  
Frederick, MD 21702

Jean Gaver  
7407 Willow Rd.  
AL 250  
Frederick, MD 21702

## OUTREACH

### THANK YOU!

Our Grace Groceries collection for July was  
**60 items!**

*Thank you for your continued support of this  
vital local mission project!*

### Food Drive



### FOODBANK NEEDS

The Frederick Foodbank, operated by the Frederick Community Action Agency, is in need of non-perishable food items such as peanut butter, pastas, rice, spaghetti or tomato sauce, cereal, canned fish like tuna, and canned meats. The Frederick Foodbank serves 700 to 750 families each month.

**SUNDAY**

**MONDAY**

**TUESDAY**

# August 2017

**1**

7:00 p.m. - TFC  
Young Adults (2nd)  
7:00 p.m. - Man-  
Kind Project (DR)

**6 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:45 a.m. - Christian Education classes  
11:00 a.m. - Worship and Holy Com-  
munion (S)

5:00 p.m. - Redemption City Church (S)

**7**

←-----**Tara off**

**8**

7:00 p.m. - Man-  
Kind Project (DR)

**13 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:45 a.m. - Christian Education classes  
11:00 a.m. - Worship (S)

5:00 p.m. - Redemption City Church (S)

**14**

←-----**EMERGENCY FAMILY**

6:30 p.m. - F&P  
budget meeting  
(Steve Failor's)

**15**

7:00 p.m. - Man  
Kind Project (13)

**20 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:45 a.m. - Christian Education classes  
11:00 a.m. - Worship (S)

5:00 p.m. - Soup Kitchen  
5:00 p.m. - Redemption City Church (S)

**21**

7:00 p.m. - TFC  
Mrktg Comm. (3)

**22**

7:00 p.m. - Council  
meeting (Rm. 3)  
7:00 p.m. - Man-  
Kind Project (DR)

**27 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:45 a.m. - Christian Education classes  
11:00 a.m. - Worship (S)

5:00 p.m. - Redemption City Church (S)

**28**

**29**

7:00 p.m. - Man-  
Kind Project (DR)

<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		<b>THURSDAY</b>		<b>FRIDAY</b>		<b>SATURDAY</b>	
<b>2</b> 6:00 p.m. - Council meeting (Patti's) 6:30 p.m. - TFC Youth Group (DR)		<b>3</b> 6:30 p.m. - GAM-MA (Room 13)		<b>4</b> 8:30 p.m. - N.A. meeting (GSR)		<b>5</b>	
<b>9</b> <b>for vacation</b> ----->		<b>11</b>		<b>11</b>		<b>12</b> 9:00 a.m. - Redemption City Church event (GSR) 6:00 p.m. - EFS families arrive (DR)	
6:30 p.m. - TFC Youth Group (DR)		7:00 p.m. - TFC board meeting (3)		8:30 p.m. - N.A. meeting (GSR)			
<b>16</b> <b>SHELTER AT GRACE</b> ----->		<b>17</b>		<b>18</b>		<b>19</b>	
6:30 p.m. - TFC Youth Group (GSR)		6:00 p.m. - FCHD support grp (13)		8:30 p.m. - N.A. meeting (GSR)			
<b>23</b> 6:30 p.m. - TFC Youth Group (DR)		<b>24</b>		<b>25</b> 8:30 p.m. - N.A. meeting (GSR)		<b>26</b>	
<b>30</b> 6:30 p.m. - TFC Youth Group (DR)		<b>31</b>		<b>DR = Dining Room</b> <b>GSR = Good Shepherd Room</b> <b>S = Sanctuary</b>			

## 2017 School Supply Drive

Monday, August 14th is the annual Frederick City Feeder School supply distribution. You can help children and youth in our community get off to a great start as they begin a new school year by donating school supplies and/or funds for the purchase of supplies.

Supplies can be dropped off at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (199 North Place, Frederick) on July 14<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. until noon, OR at any “Stuff the Bus” location around town through August 9th. Needed supplies are listed below. Urgent supply needs for this year are backpacks and notebook paper.

Monetary contributions can be mailed to the church office or placed in the offering plate (clearly labeled “School Supplies”), or mailed directly to The Religious Coalition at 27 DeGrange Street, Frederick, MD 21701.

Volunteers are also needed on distribution day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. You’ll be registering families, organizing the supplies, supervising in the movie area, reading books, distributing supplies, and cleaning up at the end of the day. To volunteer, please contact Rev. Barbara Kershner Daniel at 301-662-2762.

**Many thanks for your help and support!**

### Supplies needed for Frederick City students:

backpacks	wide-ruled notebook paper
24-count crayons	spiral notebooks
#2 pencils	compass and protractor sets
glue sticks	erasers
safety scissors	index cards
washable markers	1 1/2-inch 3-ring binders
composition books	dividers for binders
pencil cases/boxes	loose leaf/notebook paper
12-inch rulers	graph paper
colored pencils	flash drives
highlighters	red checking pencils/pens
pocket folders	

## DID YOU KNOW...

- Grace Church hosts the Emergency Family Shelter four times a year. The remaining host dates for 2017 are August 12th-19th and November 11th-18th. New volunteers to the program are always welcome! Volunteers must be over the age of 18, and a background check is required. (Please contact the church office or speak to Sarah Travis for an application.) In addition to the trained volunteers who work with the shelter guests, we welcome anyone who would like to help with the set-up before the families arrive, and the clean-up after they have gone.
- Volunteers from Grace Church serve at the Frederick Community Action Agency's Soup Kitchen on the 3rd Sunday of even months. It's a rewarding mission experience and we always have fun! **Our next service date is August 20th.** Won't you join us?
- On the third Sunday of every month, we dedicate the "Grace Groceries" that have been collected in our little red wagon, and then deliver them to the Frederick Foodbank. Thank you for your continued generosity!
- The Good Samaritan Fund of Grace Church is designated for emergency relief to members and friends of Grace Church. Only the pastor and person in need know who receives assistance. Donations to the fund are welcome at any time, in any amount. If you can help, please place a check in the offering plate made out to Grace Church with "Good Samaritan Fund" on the memo line. Thank you!



## "Church Chuckle"

### Church Events:

The Seniors group is sponsoring a picnic this Saturday. Each person is asked to bring a friend, a vegetable, or a dessert in a covered dish.

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Ladies, don't forget the annual rummage sale. It is a good chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

# *For All the Saints*

## **Florence Nightingale**

August 13th

Florence Nightingale was born in Florence, Italy, on May 12, 1820; she was named after the city of her birth. Her father, William E. Nightingale, was a wealthy landowner who had inherited an estate in Derbyshire, England. Like many members of the wealthy class, he and Florence's mother, Fanny, dedicated themselves to the pursuit of active social lives. Florence and her sister, Parthenope, were tutored by their father in languages, mathematics, and history. Though Florence was tempted by the idea of a brilliant social life and marriage, she also wanted to achieve independence, importance in some field of activity, and obedience to God through service to society.

In 1844 Nightingale decided that she wanted to work in hospitals. Her family objected strongly to her plan; hospital conditions at that time were known to be terrible, and nurses were untrained and thought to be of questionable morals. Ignoring all resistance, Nightingale managed to visit some hospitals and health facilities. She then received permission from her parents to spend a few months at Kaiserworth, a German training school for nurses and female teachers. In 1853 she became superintendent of the London charity-supported Institution for Sick Gentlewomen in Distressed Circumstances. This opportunity allowed her to become independent from her family and also to try out new ideas in organizing and managing an institution, conducted in a scientific, nonreligious setting.

In October of 1854 Nightingale organized a party of thirty-eight nurses, mostly from different religious orders, for service in the Crimean War (1853–56), in which Great Britain, France, and Sardinia fought against Russian expansion in Europe. The nurses arrived at Constantinople (now Istanbul, Turkey) in November. Conditions at the British base hospital at Scutari (now Uskudar, Turkey) were awful and grew steadily worse as the number of sick and wounded soldiers rapidly increased. The British army did not have enough medical services and used what it did have poorly—a confusing and complicated supply system actually cut off deliveries to the patients. The Barrack Hospital, where Nightingale and her nurses worked and lived, was built

on a massive cesspool (an underground area into which liquid waste flows), which poisoned the water and even the building itself. The general attitude was that the common soldier was a drunken brute on whom all comforts would be wasted.

Nightingale saw that her first task was to get the military doctors to accept her and the other nurses. Her determined personality, combined with the continuing arrival of the newly sick and wounded, soon brought this about. She also had a large fund of private money—much of it raised by the London Times—with which she could obtain badly needed supplies. By the end of 1854, some order had been created and the hospital was cleaner—not only through Nightingale's efforts but also through improvements made by a governmental sanitary commission. The death rate among patients fell by two-thirds. But with improvement came new problems, including anger from officials who were found at fault for the poor hospital conditions and rising disputes among the nurses.

Florence Nightingale left Scutari in the summer of 1856, soon after the war ended. By then she was famous among the troops and the public as the "Lady with the Lamp" and the "Nightingale in the East." This popular image is not quite accurate. Although she did some active nursing in the wards, Nightingale's real work lay outside the expression of tenderness and concern. It began with her refusal to respond to public praise and with her use of her influence in high places, including with the queen, to fight for effective reform of the entire system of military hospitals and medical care.

In *Notes on Matters Affecting the Health, Efficiency and Hospital Administration of the British Army* (1857) Nightingale used the experiences of the war to prove that a new system was necessary. Within five years this effort led to the reconstruction of the administrative structure of the War Office. Nightingale's *Notes on Hospitals* (1859) detailed the proper arrangements for civilian institutions (places that were not a part of the military). In the next year she presided over the founding of the Nightingale School for the training of nurses at St. Thomas's Hospital in London, England. After 1858 she was recognized as the leading expert on military and civilian sanitation (the removal of water-transported waste) in India. She also believed that irrigation (the supplying of water to an area using artificial methods) was the solution

to the problem of famine. In 1907 Nightingale was the first woman to be awarded the Order of Merit.

Nightingale's personality is well documented. She rebelled against the idle, sheltered existence of her family her entire life. She achieved a leading position in a world dominated by men, driving and directing her male coworkers as hard as she did herself. She often complained that women were selfish, and she had no time for the growing women's rights movement. But she also developed an idea of spiritual (relating to or affecting the spirit) motherhood and saw herself as the mother of the men of the British army—"my children"—whom she had saved. Florence Nightingale never really recovered from the physical strain of the Crimean War. After 1861 she rarely left her home and was confined to her bed much of the time. She died on August 13, 1910, in London, England.

### **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 (see the list below), but **at this time we are especially looking for volunteers to serve in the Nursery**, so that we always have 2 adults supervising the children. We hope to get 6 people so that each person only has to miss church once every 6 weeks. Please speak to Pastor Rob or Jean Barrick if you can help. Thanks!

Acolytes, Altar Guild, Children's Sermon volunteers, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Scripture readers, Ushers, and Youth Ministry - *please speak to Pastor Rob*

Stewardship Committee - *please speak to Eric Black*

Senior and Joyful Noise Choirs - *please speak to Jonas Dawson*

Lay Caring Ministry - *please speak to Mike Stockman*

Fellowship Hosts and Greeters - *please speak to Rob Apgar*

Children's Church leaders, Nursery volunteers, and Sunday School teachers - *please speak to Jean Barrick*

Offering Counters - *please speak to Lloyd Taylor*

Outreach and Missions - *please speak to Sarah Travis*

## Grace Church Leadership Directory

### COUNCIL OFFICERS

President	Patti Flanders-Lombardi	301-865-2984
Vice President	Jerry Princler	301-898-3877
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Treasurer	Lloyd Taylor	301-898-9259
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At-Large	Lisel Powell	240-651-5380

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Administrative	Steve Robeson	301-639-7039
Congregational Life	Matt Bonin	845-326-7468
Finance and Property	Eric Black	724-910-9295
Outreach	Sarah Travis	
Worship and Education	Jean Barrick	301-663-1203

### CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Robert Apgar-Taylor, Pastor  
Jonas Dawson, Director of Music and Organist  
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Tom Tobery, Caretaker  
Tara Plyler, Administrative Associate

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### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Monday through Friday

### SUNDAY WORSHIP:

11:00 a.m.

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

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