

Grace United Church of Christ



Sunday, October 06, 2024

Neighbors In Need Offering

And

World Communion Sunday

WE GATHER

Welcome

Passing the Peace

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude - Prayer - Alejandro Consolacion

***Call to Worship**

Leader: *I invite you now to join me in the call to worship. You may do this seated or standing, whichever is most comfortable for you.*

Leader: Creator God, we are here, together in hope!

All: With community and creation.

Leader: With neighbors near and far.

All: With those known and new.

Leader: With Christians across geography and across time.

All: Together in hope! Let us worship!

***Gathering Prayer** (In Unison)

God of Mercy, we ask you to come mighty close, for we are a divided world, and we are not sure of our footing in this moment. Steady us, and invite us to “do unto others” in ways that build up your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. We pray this in the name of Jesus, the Center That Holds, and in the power of the Spirit That Transforms. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** “I Come with Joy” NCH 349

We Listen

Children’s Moment

Scripture Reading: Luke 6:31-36 (NRSV-ue)

Sermon: The Rev. Chance Martinez

Sermon Title: “Blue and Red Make Purple: Kindness”

***Sermon Hymn: For The Healing of the Nations NCH-576**

We Respond

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 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.

Stewardship Moment

Amy Duray

Offering - O, That I Had a Thousand Voices - text, Johann Mentzer, Jay Althouse;
music, Jay Althouse
Peter Abell - trumpet

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

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**

ALL: Gracious God, you create more than we could ever hope to return. You share more than we could ever hope to deserve. And yet, we pray, accept these humble gifts. May they honor and glorify you in all creation, and may they empower us for the work of witness and service, for the sake of justice, and for the sake of peace, now and forever. Amen.

Important Announcements !

The Outreach Ministry Commission is tasked with two goals, directing Grace Church programs of aid to people in need, and representing Grace Church at events in the community. The commission coordinates volunteer activity and donation drives, and directs funds from the Mission Basket to organizations that do the most good for our neighbors. The commission also makes sure Grace Church has a presence at community events like In the Streets, Trunk or Treat, and Frederick Pride. If you're interested in helping people and getting the word out about Grace Church, the job of Outreach Ministry Chair is for you!

We are continuing to accept donations of candy for Halloween this year. If you are out shopping and are able, please consider purchasing a bag or bags and bring them with you on Sunday Mornings. This candy will be distributed during the downtown trick-or-treating event this year...and we need all that we can get!

Friday, October 18- Grace UCC Coffee House (7:00 pm-8:00 pm)

Thursday, October 24- Grace UCC Young Adult Ministry (7:00 pm-9:00 pm)

Saturday, October 26- Downtown Frederick Trick or Treating

Friday, November 15– Grace UCC Coffee House (8:00 pm-10:00pm)

Thursday, November 21- Grace UCC Young Adult Ministry (7pm-9 pm)

Wednesday, December 11- Grace Bus Trip to New York City

Friday, December 13- Grace UCC Coffee House (8pm-10pm)

Thursday, December 19- Young Adult Christmas Party (7:00 pm-9:00 pm)

Sunday, December 22- Christmas Cantata at Grace UCC

Tuesday December 24– Christmas Eve Service (7:00 pm)

Thursday, December 26-Tour of Historic Churches (3:00 pm—8:00 pm)

REFUGEE WELCOMING COALITION

Coming soon, Grace Church will be working with our neighbors at ERUCC (Evangelical Reformed UCC) to help a refugee family settle in our area, under the guidance of the Refugee Welcoming Coalition of Frederick. The RWC is an alliance of faith communities, civic organizations, and other volunteers founded in 2021 in recognition of the challenges faced by refugee families in our county. Assistance will include furnishing household items from a list and occasional volunteer work including assistance with transportation and paperwork.

Interested in making a difference? Contact Michael Davies (fluidmosaic@gmail.com) and Missy Moxley.

We are also making donations

- Certain items are on their Amazon wishlist, for shipping directly to the RWC: <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/8F1P1KKUOUZH>
- If you wish to donate furniture, or supplies that are in urgent need (shower curtains and bathmats; pillows, sheets and blankets; and almost any type of kitchen supply): please email us at info@rwcfrederick.org to arrange pickup
- To donate cash, you may send a check to **AACF: 45 E. All Saints St., Frederick, MD 21701**, with a note on the memo line that the funds are for RWC.

Alternatively, you can donate through PayPal on their website,

<https://rwc.frederick.org>.

Security Alert

As many of you are aware, a scam text message was sent to many of the members and friends of Grace UCC this week. The text was an “urgent message” claiming to be from Pastor Chance, but it was not him, and it was not sent from his phone number. Many of you reached out to the office or to Chance directly and we thank you for doing that. A couple of you even sent screenshots of the message and that was very helpful as well. Unfortunately, this thing happens to churches frequently, sometimes by text and other times by email. We just want to reassure you that Pastor Chance, or any staff member, will not reach out to you via text message from an unknown number or email. If there is an urgent matter, please know that Pastor Chance will contact you via a phone call and not a text or email. If you ever receive a text or email from an unknown number or email address that looks suspicious, you are encouraged to call the church office or Pastor Chance directly for confirmation and notification. Thank you all again for making us aware and may we all stay alert to this type of activity.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

Sleep In Heavenly Peace!

SHP (<https://shpbeds.org/>) is a national organization of local chapters that build bunk beds for children in the local community who otherwise wouldn't have a bed. Grace Church has been very generous in donating sheets, pillows, mattress covers and quilts over the last couple years.

The Frederick County Chapter of SHP has building events every month or so, mostly on Saturdays, and volunteers of all skill levels (including none) are welcome for tasks like cutting lumber, constructing and finishing the beds, transporting them, or sorting items, cleaning up and prep work.

This is a great opportunity to contribute to a great organization.

Contact Michael Davies (fluidmosaic@gmail.com) to be notified of upcoming builds and be part of the team when you can!

“No Kid Sleeps on the Floor in Our Town!”





SONGS FOR THE EARTH

a multifaith musical service

Music, Readings, & Prayers by

African Faith Community Choir

Asbury UMC Choir

Beth Shalom

Frederick Children's Chorus

Hood College Ensembles

Unitarian Universalist Congregation Choir

Xa Loi Temple

Please
Join us for
this free
event

Sunday

October 20, 2024

3:00–4:15 PM

Coffman Chapel,
Hood College



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Bachtoberfest

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27TH AT 5PM

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

31 EAST CHURCH STREET

DOWNTOWN FREDERICK

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

This collaborative concert will feature the choirs of numerous Downtown Frederick churches, the Frederick Children's Chorus, and Frederick Flute Choir.

**A free will offering will be collected for
Beyond Shelter Frederick**

**For more information, please visit
twinspires.org/lineartsseries**

M E N T A L H E A L T H J U S T I C E F O R A L L

Mental health is a Universal Human Right

"God will not falter or lose heart until
justice prevails throughout the earth."
Psalm 134



2024 Neighbors in Need Special Offering

In 2024, the Neighbors in Need theme is “Mental Health Justice for All!” This year’s focus is on Mental Health Justice. In 2015, the General Synod of the United Church of Christ passed a resolution to become WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged) for mental health. Grace United Church of Christ voted to do the same in August of this year.

A just world for all is a world where the human rights and well-being of people with mental health challenges are respected, no matter who you are or where you are in life’s journey.

As you recall, one-third of the Neighbors in Need offering supports the Council for American Indian Ministry. Two-thirds are used by Justice and Witness Ministries to provide grants to UCC churches and organizations as well as supporting a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

As part of our commitment to be a 5 for 5 congregation, Grace will be collecting the



New York City

**HOLIDAY
BUS TRIP**

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Explore the Big Apple on your own!
Bus departs Frederick at 6 a.m. and returns at midnight

\$80 per person, limited seating

Pay with QR code below or mail check
Contact admin@grucc.com to register

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SUNDAY WORSHIP — 11:00 AM — Virtual and in person

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

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Amy D.

Greeter:

Jerry P.

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