

OUR GRACE FAMILY

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Why Church?

For many of us, this may be a strange question. "Church" has been an integral part of our lives and we could not imagine life without it! For a growing number of others, however, the question is real and reasons for it are many and varied. Following Labor Day Sunday, we hope to tackle this question-"Why Church?"-head on. Hope you'll will join us as we consider and celebrate the very role we have in being the living body of Christ to and for one another and the world around us.

Blessings, Pastor Rudy

Holy One, in whom we live and move and have our being; draw us closer to you so that we might better see others. Draw us closer to others so that we may better see you. Amen.

Children's Ministries / Youth Ministries

✦ UpStreet Sunday School begins on Fall Kickoff Day, 9/9. Join us for a time of learning and love in Christ at 9:45am with Preschoolers in Room 3 and Elementary Kids in the Fellowship Hall.



✦ Praise-N-Play invites children 3 yrs-PreK to join after the Children's Moment at the 11:00am Service (starting 9/9), with JAM inviting children K-3rd at the same time (starting 9/16), meeting in the Narthex/Hallway before convening in the Fellowship Hall.



✦ A New School Year means new Registration Forms for Children's Ministry. Please fill out a new form for each child, which can be found at the welcome table in the Narthex/Hallway or in the lower lobby or found at umcgrace.org.

✦ Wesley Singers Youth Choir open to youth in grades 6-12 will be 9/9 at 4:45-6pm. All who wish to share in the glory of offering praise to god, regardless of experience, are welcome.



✦ Grace Youth Group Kickoff will be 9/9 in the Fellowship Hall, 6:00-8:15pm, and is open to students grades 6-12. Please join us in fellowship and fun for support of the youth and the Spirit in this new Ministry year.

September Birthdays in Grace

- 1- Bryan Field, Juan La Jara, Miriam Sellers, Stephen Thompson, Katie Wiersteiner
- 2- Debbie Dunn, Kamryn Fyock, Grace Jarrett-Coker, David Mitchell, Nihil Theodore
- 3- Gracie Ruxer
- 4- Don Prettol
- 5- Alison Medley, Rachael Webb
- 6- Jen Kakar, Page Meador, Sandy Risko, Ginger Tender
- 7- Gracie Baiardo, Travis Dixon, Addison White
- 8- Sebastian Paniagua, Dale Rice, Brittany Scharek, Bob Weibel
- 9- Victoria Ingram
- 10- Andrea Codd, Nicholas Hooks, Darlene Runaldue, Emily Stepien, Henry Uhlig
- 11- Andrew Levine
- 12- Augustine Metenou, Stephen Race, Amelia Swingle
- 13- Sandra Magee, Jason Niel
- 14- Lara Biendl, Cara Lawhead
- 15- Lisa Betley, Alissa Hudson, Ruth Thomas
- 16- Mayce Combs, Lindsey Geer
- 17- Ed Daffan, Jacob Deitz, John Hartt, John Langknecht
- 18- Sharon Nicholas
- 19- Kitty Gobie, Ezra Itnyre, Jason Steele
- 20- Isabel Opiela, Todd Utter
- 21- Caiti Costello, Alison Dixon, Chris Finnie, Julia Haney, Anita Johnson, Jim Kimmey, Peggy Kimmey, Heather Oberle, Ashley Russo, Lauren Utterback
- 22- Scott Richards
- 23- Chris Comeau, Kim Cross, Matt Ruxer
- 24- Josh Bleeker, Asa Manning
- 25- Emerson Geer, Josh Girvan, Kathryn Morison, Robert Rule
- 27- Dale Hawley, Tristyn Presgrave, Maryann Sabol, Jim Sealock
- 28- Todd Posgai, Kathy Sabey, Michael Young
- 29- Rachael Bryant, Don Bynum, Skylar Deitz, Esther Jessel, Audrey Moore, Teresa Neil
- 30- Aly Brooks, Erin Glysson, Rob Mangum, Alicia Tucker



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Grace United Methodist Church Adult Ministry

ALL ADULTS- Grace's Annual Fall Golf Outing
Mark your calendars for 9/27 at Old Hickory Golf Course!
Tee Time: 8:30am Cost: \$60 - includes cart, golf and lunch.
Contact Chuck Soderberg at crsmcsberg@aol.com or 703-730-2489

MEN- Our monthly Fellowship Breakfast will be on 9/1 at 8:00am at Denny's 8201 Sudley Rd.
The UMM have 2 weekly study groups available to all men. The Wesleyan Small Group study meets on Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the Prayer Room on the first floor. For more information, contact Marc Thompson (703-366-2939). The Men's traditional bible study group that meets on Thursdays at 7:15pm in the Resource Room on the second floor. The current study is on the Gospel of Luke. For more information, contact John Bennett (Lisajohnbennett@comcast.net).

WOMEN- Retreat Planning meeting is on 9/16 at 12:10pm in the Narthex/Hallway. All women of Grace are invited to the annual Women's Ministry Retreat, Nov. 2-4, at Camp Overlook. Join your sisters in Christ for a time of fellowship and spiritual discovery with Pastor Janet, along with music led by Lynn Jost. Ann Darbyshire can be contacted for questions at 571-379-4853.

Serendipity Small Group will meet 9/11 at 9:30-11:30am in room 202. The study is based on the book "One Thousand Gifts: A Dare to Live Fully Right Where You Are" by Ann Voskamp. We welcome women of Grace to join in fellowship and discussion. Contact Lisa Bennett (lisajohnbennett@comcast.net) for info.

Gleaners Small group will meet 9/11 at 10am in the Narthex. Contact Debbie Dunn (703-606-3334) for details

Luna Small Group is planning an outing for 9/15 to see a movie. For details contact Barbara Mangum (703-667-0458) for details.

SENIOR ADULTS- 9/13 at noon – Luncheon – Vienna-Falls Daytimers (an acapella women's barbershop small group) will present a musical program. Lunch will be sandwiches and sides from Costco. \$6/person. RSVP by 9/10.

9/27 – Senior Adult council meeting at 10:30am

Grace Memorials



In memory of Mariellen Snyder: Jeanne and Michael Nelson

In memory of Anne Ellis' father: Frank and Carole Miller

In memory of Robert Keaton: Eugene Lee

In memory of Gwyn Harris: Judy Ratcliffe, Frank and Carole Miller

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In memory of Sandra Thomas: Larry and Sue Soergel, Richard and Deanne Horte, Jerry and Kitty Gobie, Robert Thomas

In memory of Doug Turner: Sandy and Terri Wiseman, Michael and Donna Cash, Frank and Carole Miller, Maynard and Sandy Grove, Judy Ratcliffe

Grace Music Ministry



Start up Dates and Times for the Music Ensembles

- Chancel Choir begins 9/5 at 7:30pm with a 9am-12pm choir retreat on 9/22 at the church.
- Children's Choirs (Joyful Singers, Asbury Ringers, Asbury Chimers, Asbury Chorus, Asbury Singers) begin 9/10 at 5:15pm.
- Grace Notes begin 9/10 at 7:15pm.
- Treble Ensemble begin 9/9 at 6:45pm.
- Wesley Singers (Grades 6-12) begin 9/9 at 4:45pm. Retreat on 9/15 at the church 9:30am-12noon.
- Parrish Bells begin 9/9 at 7:45pm.
- Grace GosBells begin on 9/10 at 7:30pm.
- Brass Ensemble begin 9/6 at 7:30pm.

Music Leaders

9/2- 8:25 & 11:00am: Grace Comeau, Vocalist

9/9- 8:25 & 11:00am: Tim Smith, Trumpeter

9/16- 8:25 & 11:00am: Rybinsky, Woolard, Rybinsky & Jarvis Bell Quartet

9/23- 8:25am: Wesley Singers and 11:00am: Chancel Choir

9/30- 8:25 & 11:00am: One Waypoint

Some Glimpses into the Music Department Summer 2018

- The Virginia Annual Conference was held in Hampton from 6/15-17. Milton was the Deacon Assistant to the Bishop in the Friday Night Worship service
- 6/16-21 The Wesley Singers hit the road on their "Beacon of Hope" Tour. The choir performed concerts at the Warwick Forest Retirement Community in Newport News and at First United Methodist Church Foxhill in Hampton. They also performed at Courthouse Community United Methodist Church where former Grace member Herb Tax is the Director of Music. Singers volunteered their time at the Judeo Christian Outreach center in VA Beach.
- Music and Worship Arts Week at Lake Junaluska was enjoyed by several adult and young adult musicians who participated in daily worship, dance, handbell ensembles, small & large vocal group ensembles.
- Choir Camp was 7/9-13. Rising 1st-5th graders made music every morning and helped at the SERVE homeless shelter. They also swam, played Putt Put Golf, bowled, and went to King's Dominion.
- 7/16-20, Lynn and Milton helped guide our Vacation Bible School children through the "Shipwrecked" every evening.

Passion Play Meeting: 9/23 at 12noon in the Choir Room

Since 1634, the village of Oberammergau, Germany has presented the Passion Play every 10 years. This was a thanksgiving to God for sparing so many lives during the Black Plague. In 2020, there is another chance to experience this play through Educational Opportunities, the travel company who has helped Grace Church in the past. This time we will combine the Passion Play with a Holy Land Experience Tour. For more info contact Milton Rodgers (mrodgers@umcgrace.org or 571-215-8292).



**** 9/30 - GraceFest ****
Ministry Fair and Food Trucks

