



GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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MUSINGS FROM PASTOR DAN

I hope I am not the only one who reflects on the passage of time, and particularly how fast it seems to be passing. Almost unbelievably, summer is about over. It is humbling to consider how much time has passed by. I wonder how much of my time I have spent sitting at red lights, in traffic jams, or waiting at my favorite place, toll booths. I wonder how much time I've spent staring mindlessly at the television, computer screen or my android. I wonder how time lost in these areas of life compares to the time spent reading the Bible, or praying, or worshipping. I just wonder.

I wonder how much time I have left in this world. How will I spend that time? Will it be productive? Will I reject things that waste my time now in favor of something else? Will I spend more time with Jesus or will I look to spend my time pretty much the same as always?

Perhaps I should spend some time evaluating the use of my time. Since my time in this world is limited, and only God knows how much time I have—perhaps I should check with him.



What about my calendar? As I think about it, I seem to be quite good at scheduling those things I want to do but not quite so good at scheduling those things Jesus wants me to do. When it is "I," it seems there is always time. When it is Jesus, it seems I can put him off time and time again. When I think about it, a good part of those things I want to do really are not that relevant while I am certain that which Jesus wants me to do is completely relevant. Hmmm, it seems like I have some work to do.

Any time is a good time to consider these things. As Christians, our time is not our own, it belongs to God; and while we are eternal, it is God who grants us each minute of each day. It seems we should be in fervent prayer considering what God wants us to do—not the least of which may be to spend more time with him.

Peace,

Pastor Dan

GRACE FOR ALZHEIMER'S

Joanne Rue

It seems everywhere we look, someone has been affected by Alzheimer's Disease. It is currently the 6th leading cause of death in the US. **5.8 million** Americans are living with this disease. Once again we'd like to offer you the opportunity to help raise awareness, increase research, and assist the 16 million caregivers. You don't need to attend a concert or bake a cake. Just place a donation (**made out to the Alzheimer's Association**) in the enclosed envelope and drop it in the offering plate or place a stamp on it and drop it in the mail. Thank you for your generous support!



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE AND NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

Beverly Mullikin, Chairperson

The Membership Committee has been busy this summer trying to update our member database in preparation for the new church directory. Our last directory was done in 2012 and many member changes have taken place since then.

Sign-up for photo sessions for the directory will end on Sunday, September 8. We hope everyone has a chance to schedule a sitting. By doing so, you will help promote the church, get a free copy of the new directory and a free 8 x 10 portrait of your choice. Additional photo packages will be available for purchase at the time of your sitting, if you choose to do so.

If you missed out on scheduling a portrait sitting and are interested, please contact the church office at 410-228-4353 or Bev Mullikin at 410-228-3650 to get on the schedule.

Portrait appointments will be held September 16, 17, 19, 21, 24 and 25 in the Baraca Room at the church.

Arrangements are being made for a photographer to visit our members who are homebound or in nursing homes to get their picture taken if they wish. Members who are away at the time of the sittings, can submit a photo to be included in the directory.

**DON'T MISS OUT—
SCHEDULE YOUR
PHOTO SESSION AND BE A
PART OF OUR NEW CHURCH
DIRECTORY.**



JOIN US FOR A FALL BIBLE STUDY

REVELATION STUDY

**Beginning Wednesday,
September 18
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Dr. Hines Room**



Facilitated by Shelley McCollister, this study requires no book purchase. Just bring your Bible and notepaper. Dr. Hilton Sutton DVD's, as well as other resources will be used to supplement the study. This study will bring enlightenment to the book of Revelation.

TRUSTEES COMMITTEE

Skip Redmer, Chairperson

Wow! Unless I'm forgetting some things, this will be one of my shortest newsletters to date.

The cost from Coulbourne Electric to install the up-lighting equipment on the front of the church was approximately \$1200.00 barring any unknown issues. The WinGS group decided not to move forward with this project at this time. However, the Dr. Hines class expressed an interest in possibly partnering with WINGS for the cost. I will be touching base with both groups and come to a decision.

"No Smoking" signs have been placed in the carport area at the rear entrance to the church.

Coulbourne Electric has installed 4 additional electrical receptacles in the Nursery/Sunday school classroom. These will enable the class leaders to setup additional teaching equipment and eliminate multiple drop cords. Many thanks to Carol Coulbourne for funding this work.

We have also purchased a new window A/C unit with heat capabilities for the Faith Builders Sunday School (old nursery) room. The heater functionality will allow us to heat just this room for small meetings, etc. during the winter months. ***(If there are any capable/willing individuals that can help with the installation of the A/C unit let me know.)***

At 503 Race St., the steel handicap door has been replaced and now needs a finished coat of paint. So again, if there is anyone out there that's handy with painting equipment please let me know.

Also, at 503, we have had some plumbing and A/C issues that have been rectified. My "Thanks" go to FitzMechanical for the plumbing and Aero Energy for the A/C repairs.



GRACE CHURCH MISSIONS

Diane Twilley, Chairperson

Missions has not had school kids to buy for this summer, but, calls come in almost every day for assistance with utilities, rental evictions, food needs, eye glasses and even help with a funeral expense. We are so blessed to not have to worry about where our next meal is coming from or if we can keep our home just one more month. We are so blessed to be able to help others with those worries and with cold weather coming in a few months those problems will become greater. Please keep those Mission envelopes coming in the first Sunday of the month. We could not be the hands and feet of Jesus without you! Thank you all for your generosity.

Missions is going to assist Sandy Hill Elementary with 3 Pre-Kindergarten and 4 Kindergarten classes this year by providing about 115 kids with a daily snack so that the teachers don't have to purchase them out of their own pockets. This was so much fun last school year. We received many thank you notes from the kids and teachers telling us how much they appreciated the snack. We will also provide these classes with paper towels and hand wipes.

Warwick Elementary has been contacted and Missions expects to be help them again this year with backpacks. Details will be shared later.

Fifty shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child have been ordered. They will be available for pickup on Sunday, October 20, and due back on Sunday, November 10. Missions also hopes to be able to help Salvation Army with the Angel Tree gifts again the year. And last, but not least, we are looking forward to partnering with The Cold Weather Shelter and the Salvation Army again this year to serve hot meals on Sunday nights December 1st thru March 31st.

Don't forget to save warm clothes, sweaters, coats, hats, and gloves when you are doing your fall closet cleaning. We will have our Soup n Sweater Day on Jan 31, 2020. More

GRACE CHURCH NEWS

Mary Lee Foxwell
6/5/19

Norma Lee Gray
6/11/19

John B. Murphy
8/15/19



WINGS (WOMEN IN GRACE SERVING)

Diane Twilley, President

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer and our WinGS members are ready to get back into the swing with our September meeting on Thursday, September 26 at 5:30 PM. We would love to see some new faces along with new ideas of things we can take on to help our church and church family. We usually meet the 4th Thursday each month at 5:30 p.m. The rest of our fall meetings are Thursday, October 24th and **Wednesday, November 13**. Please note the November meeting is early and on a Wednesday night due to Charge Conference on Thursday the 14th, the Thanksgiving holiday on our usual 4th Thursday and an activity we will be working on for the holidays. Please plan to come check us out!



"Women of Grace are united in Christian Fellowship and vow to love God and encourage one another to use our God given gifts and talents in service to Grace United Methodist Church and our community."

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Bill Brooks, Chairperson

Finances are presently in good shape for Grace. We are at a breakeven situation in the operating account as of the end of July after having just paid \$10,000 in annual insurance premiums. Our year to date collections are \$10,000 above last year. And there is just one year since 2012 where the collections have exceeded the current year. The generosity of our faithful congregation makes the job of the finance committee easier.

The capital fund has a surplus, however, the trustees have some projects to address in our old facilities.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Bonnie McCollister, Director

After a nice summer break the children's choir is beginning practice on some new songs as well as some old favorites. It is also hard to believe that we will be rehearsing soon for the Christmas holidays. Oh time, please slow down.



Be sure to come to the 11:00 a.m. worship on the second Sunday of each month to hear this great group of kids. I guarantee you won't be disappointed.

5TH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP SEPTEMBER 29

9:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary for worship

10:50 in the Baraca Room for a fellowship lunch

At our Church Council Board Meeting in July, it was suggested to hold a 5th Sunday Fellowship where we will come together for ONE WORSHIP TIME and then fellowship together with a light-fare lunch afterward.

We have some people that only attend Early Morning Grace, or Baraca or the 11:00 Service and never come in contact with attendees at the other services.

Please join us at 9:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary for worship and then convene to the Baraca Room to enjoy a light lunch and mingle with your fellow Grace Church attendees.

**WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO JOIN IN
AND EXPERIENCE THAT FELLOWSHIP FEELING**




BRENDA'S CORNER
Brenda Gremillion, Music Director

Summer is officially over. Families have taken that last vacation before school starts and now are busy starting a new school year. Before you know it, cold weather will be here, and we will be drinking hot cocoa and gathering around the fireplace.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year of music and celebration and am already choosing music for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

It is a joy and privilege to present our senior choir every Sunday, as their voices and message in song inspires all of us and enhances our pastor's message and gets us in the mood for worship.

It's also an honor and privilege to serve each of you who attend worship services. I look forward to an exciting year of praise and worship for our Savior and risen Lord. See you all for worship on Sundays!

DR. HINES BIBLE CLASS
JoAnne Baker, President

The Dr. Hines' Class would like to recognize one of its members for outstanding achievement. Byron Cameron won the Howard County University 1500 meter run. He completed the race in 7 minutes and 15 seconds. Impressive!

We would also like to invite everyone to the Dorchester Historical Society on September 21 to honor 50 years of Ridah Collins' Kindergarten Class. She was also a past member of the Dr. Hines' Class. Please, come to honor this wonderful teacher. All are invited but past kindergarten members are especially requested to take time out of their busy schedules to attend.

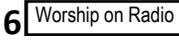
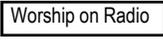
Our Dr. Hines' Annual Christmas Party has been scheduled for December 6 at 6 pm. If you are interested in coming, please contact our treasurer Dee Mills or ask any member for information. You must let us know no later than November 29th. It is being catered by Old Salty's. Members are charged \$15 per person and non-members \$25. This includes crab cakes, turkey, fried chicken, 8 sides, dessert and a drink. Entertainment is also provided.



September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SUNDAY SERVICES 8:45 a.m.—Early Morning Grace 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School 11:00 a.m.—Traditional Worship						
1 Worship on Radio Missions Sunday  Communion EMG & 11:00 a.m.	2 	3	4 Prayer Warriors for Cancer 12 N	5  10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Sr. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.	6	7
8  Children's Choir Sings 11 a.m. worship Church Directory Portrait Sign-up 9:30, 10:45, 12 noon.	9	10 6:00 p.m. "GOD'S NOT DEAD" 	11 Prayer Warriors for Cancer 12 N	12  10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Sr. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.	13	14
15 Worship on Radio	16	17 Church Council One Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.	18 Prayer Warriors for Cancer 12 N REVELATION BIBLE STUDY BEGINS 6:00 P.M. Dr. Hines	19  10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Sr. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.	20	21 Dor. Co. Ladies Prayer Breakfast 8:00 a.m. New Revised UM Church Taylors Island
22	23	24	25 Prayer Warriors for Cancer 12 N REVELATION BIBLE STUDY 6:00 P.M.	26  10:00 to 11:00 a.m. WinGS meets in Baraca Room @ 5:30 p.m. Sr. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.	27	28
29  ONE WORSHIP SERVICE 9:45 A.M. FOLLOWED BY LIGHT LUNCHEON	30					

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20  Worship on Radio SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOEBOX PICK-UP DAY	21	22	23 Prayer Warriors for Cancer 12 N REVELATION BIBLE STUDY 6:00 P.M.	24  10:00 to 11:00 a.m. WinGS meets in Dr. Hines @ 5:30 p.m. Sr. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.	25	26
27	28	29	30 Prayer Warriors for Cancer 12 N REVELATION BIBLE STUDY 6:00 P.M.	31  10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Sr. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Happy Halloween		



November 2019



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10 Children's Choir Sings 11 a.m. worship SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOEBOX RETURN DAY Deadline for Holiday newsletter	11	12 Church Council One Board Mtg. 6:30 p	13 Prayer Warriors for Cancer 12 N WinGS & Membership Committee meets Dr. Hines @ 5:30 p.m. REVELATION BIBLE STUDY 6:00 P.M.	14 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. CHARGE CONFERENCE 6:00P.M. Grace Church Sr. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.	15	16 Dor. Co. Ladies Prayer Breakfast 8:00 a.m. St. Paul's Church
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