

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

- 2/3: Bulletin Announcements Due by Noon
11:15 am-1:15 pm: NA Meeting in Grace Basement
- 2/4: 11:15 am-1:15 pm: NA Meeting in Grace Basement
- 2/5: 11:15 am-1:15 pm: NA Meeting in Grace Basement
7:00 pm-8:15 pm: Grace Book Club via Zoom
7:00 pm-8:30 pm: Anti-Racism Cohort Meeting
- 2/6: 11:15 am-1:15 pm: NA Meeting in Grace Basement
- 2/7: 11:15 am-1:15 pm: NA Meeting in Grace Basement
- 2/8: 11:15 am-1:15 pm: NA Meeting in Basement
- 2/9: 9:30 am-10:30 am: Bible Study in Sunday School Room
11:00 am-12:15 pm: Worship on the Sanctuary
12:15 pm-1:15 pm: Chili Fellowship/Super Bowl Squares
12:30 pm-1:30 pm: Bible Study in Sunday School Room
7:00 pm-8:00 pm: Bible Study via Zoom

Please join us in the GSR (through the angel doors) for fellowship following worship. Today we will celebrate our February birthdays!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

People who are housing and food insecure; people living with addiction; Susan Smith; Carla Larson; Sally Johnson; Jim Swann; Steve Myers; Norman; LGBTQ+ and Gender Expansive Students in FCPS; Tob; Cescely and family; Tyler Fiore; Paul Duray; The Lumbee People of NC

College and Young Adult Ministry (C-YA) will be resuming soon. Meetings will be held in the Emerging Communities room upstairs. For more info, contact Josh McCabe at smilezjdj@gmail.com. This is open to anyone ages 18-35.

Pastor Chance has office hours at Dublin Roasters (1780 N Market Street) on Tuesday of each week from 8:00am-10:30am. These office hours are open so feel free to come by and join him for a chat and some coffee. No appointment needed.

If you have a pastoral care need or are hospitalized and would like a visit, please call Pastor Chance at 727-809-2390 or send an email to pastorchance.graceucc@gmail.com.

Opportunities to Help...

Fellowship Hour Host/Hostess: It is very simple, fill in your name on a Sunday that needs a host/hostess- keep it simple (i.e. cookies, muffins, sweet bread, or your specialty). We supply the drinks and help to clean up.

Greeters and Liturgists: If you would like to serve as a liturgist on Sundays (leading the congregation in the Call to Worship) and/or greeting everyone as they arrive on Sunday mornings, please sign-up via the list at the back of the sanctuary.

Justice and Witness Committee: This is a new committee forming at Grace. More details to follow.

Support Our Youth! Buy Super Bowl Squares

Fifty percent of the funds raised will go to the Church Youth with the other fifty percent divided between the winners.

Participants pay \$10/square and will pick the location of their square/s on the grid. Starting on Sunday, January 12 we will be selling the squares before and after church service. Once all the squares are sold, the numbers on the columns and rows that correspond to the last digits of each team's score will be randomly drawn. This assignment of the numbers to the rows and columns will be done at the Fellowship Hour following church service on Super Bowl Sunday, February 9. That way you will know what scores to root for during the game. This will be a fun day! Plan to stay for fellowship. We will have some good eats: sandwiches, soups, dips, and desserts to celebrate the day.

We will have some good eats: that day we are having congregants volunteer to bring in their favorite chili to share during fellowship hour to celebrate the day. Please let Karen (kl473@hotmail.com), Gwen (ggedwards922@gmail.com) know if you plan to bring chili for the celebration.

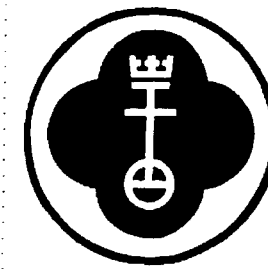
A Recital in Honor of Black History Month

Our very own Nathan Strite, alongside others from The Cumberland Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, will be performing at 4:00 pm today, Sunday, February 2, 2025 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Hagerstown. The address is 601 Washington Ave. Hagerstown, MD 21740. All of us are invited to attend and we hope to see you there!

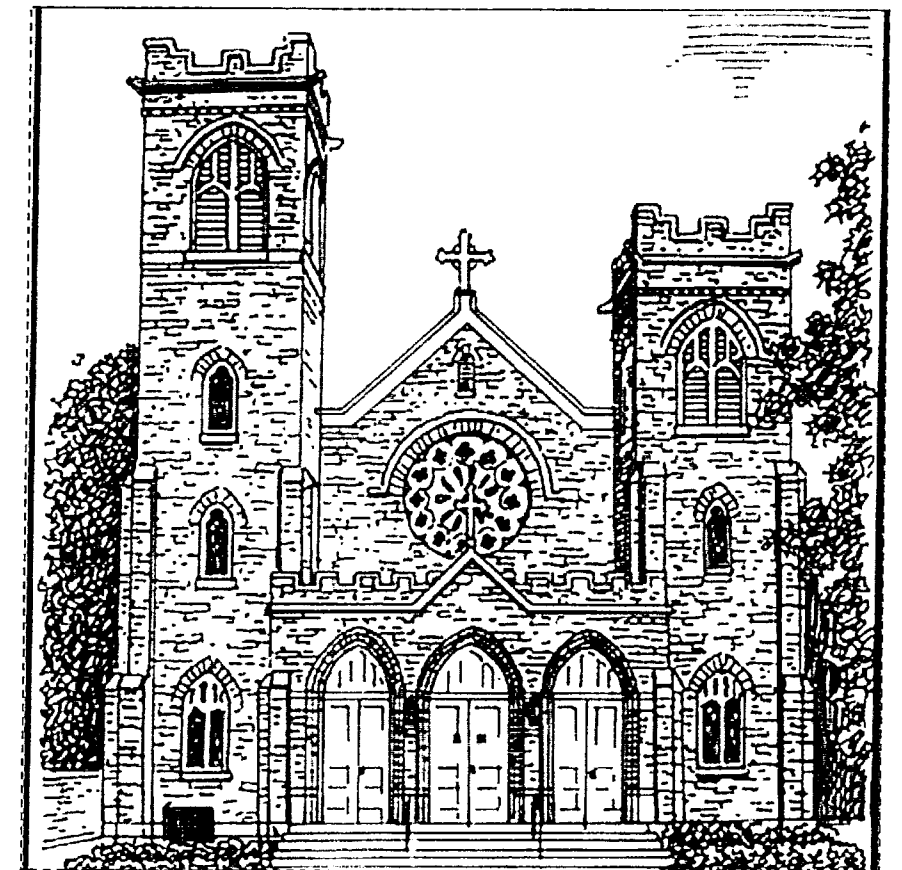
Large Print copies of today's scripture readings and hymns are available on the welcome desk.

Church Staff

The Reverend Chance Martinez, Pastor
Nathan Strite, Minister of Music
Tricia Baptiste, Administrative Assistant
Kaden Hansen, Custodian



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"Loving Our Neighbor Out Loud"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Passing the Peace

Ringin of the Bell

Prelude: *Aria on "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*
-arr. Wayne Wold

CALL TO WORSHIP (YOU MAY DO THIS SEATED OR STANDING)

Leader: Today is a day of rejoicing!

All: It is a time to celebrate!

Leader: Jesus offers us a plan of action!

All: No longer are we trapped, wondering what we should be doing.

Leader: Jesus speaks to us of freedom, release from captivity, recovery of sight.

All: Jesus outlines the kind of disciples that are needed in God's world. AMEN.

Gathering Prayer (in Unison)

Leading and Guiding God, you have opened the doors to us for true service. We are encouraged to become involved in ministries of peace and justice. The light of promise is reflected in your Spirit which rests in each one of us. Get us ready to serve you. Guide our lives, as we learn more of what you would have us do. AMEN.

***Opening Hymn Praise with Joy the World's Creator NCH #273**

Child In Us All Chapel

Offering

Music During Offering: *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*
arr. Gordon Young

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

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 (In Unison)**

Generous God, we thank you for instilling each of us, and all of us, with gifts to help build up the body of Christ. Receive what we've offered today. Bless each one in our giving. Help us use all these gifts to strengthen the body of Christ. AMEN

Scripture Reading: Luke 4:14-21 (NRSV-ue)

One: Here ends the reading. May God grant us wisdom and courage for interpretation.

All: Amen.

Sermon

Rev. Chance Martinez

***Sermon Hymn *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* NCH-506**

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 Your name. Your kingdom come, Your 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 Yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Brief Order of the Sacrament of Holy Communion

For those who are worshiping online, we encourage you to gather pieces of bread and something to drink (whatever you have such as juice, lemonade, etc) before worship and place it near you as service begins.

Invitation to the Table

Communion Prayer

Receiving the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Music during Communion - Just a Closer Walk - arr. Marianne Kim

Announcements

***Closing Hymn: *Arise Your Light Is Come* NCH #164**

Benediction

Postlude: *Rigaudon* -arr. Gordon Young

Please note that the Postlude is part of our service and we ask that you center yourselves as we close today's service.

Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey,
you are welcome at Grace United Church of Christ.
We pray that you would experience God's presence
in our midst as we worship together.

SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: Nathan Strite and Grace Choir
Greeters: Jerry and Joan Princler
Acolyte: Sophia Kaufman
Liturgist: Carol Garrison
Sunday School: N/A
Child In Us All Chapel: Pastor Chance
ASL Interpreter: N/A
Offering: John and Carol Brehmer
Fellowship Hosts: Karen Kehoe and Gwen Edwards

WE WELCOME ALL VISITORS

If you are visiting for the first time today,
please stop at the Welcome Table (in the lobby)
to receive a gift bag. We also welcome you to join us in front
of the Sanctuary for Grace in Five where we will introduce
you briefly to the ministries of Grace UCC.

Joys and Concerns: If you have a Joy or Concern that you would like shared during our service today, please fill out a Joy and Concern Card and drop it in the plate at the front of the Sanctuary during the Passing of the Peace.

Are you receiving the weekly Grace UCC E-mail News Blast? If the answer is no....please email the church office at admin@grucc.com to be added to distribution list.

***You are invited to join us for Bible Study each Sunday.
There are three opportunities each week to participate
(9:30am-In-Person; 12:30pm-In-Person; or 7:00pm via Zoom.***

Giving for the Month of January: \$7,058.36

Giving This Month to Date:

Total Needed Monthly to Meet Budget: \$14,583.33

Toward Goal to Date:

Attendance Last Week: 56