

Be Our Guest! If you are joining us for the first time or another visit, we welcome you! Let us know how we can make your worship experience more enjoyable. We're glad you are here!

Children's bulletins and crayons are available in the front pew. You are welcome to take a bulletin to work on during worship. Return crayons after worship. Enjoy!

Helping Us			
Head Usher		Thomas Yarris	
Organist		Kathy Russell	
Communion ~ October		Walter Rutkowski	
Today		Next week	
Offering Counter	H. Shumaker J. Euler	Offering Counter	S. Herman Justin Tinnemeyer
Lay Reader	Howard Russell	Lay Reader	Linda Schaefers
Acolytes	Sadie Brown	Acolytes	Skylar Brown
Sunday School	Carol Peters	Sunday School	Jamie Tinnemeyer
<i>In our hearts this week:</i>			
Vivian Watts 327 Red Pump Road Bel Aire, MD 21014			
Lois Gaskel 2503 Buchman Street Natrona Heights, PA 15065			

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Office hours Tuesday 10:30 – 1:00pm

Wednesday floating between both churches and by appointment

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Pastor Raphael Koikoi/ 281-620-9928/ emailpastork@gmail.com

Established in 1877

Church Office Hours Tuesday 9-12pm and Wednesday 9-3pm

United Methodist Mission Statement

The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

This week at Grace United Methodist Church	
Monday	9:30 am Thrift Shop Sorting/Cleaning
Wednesday	1:00 – 4:00 pm Thrift Shop



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Just Lunch- September 24th at the Anchor Inn at noon. Our friends from Freeport UMC will be joining us.

Administrative Council Meeting – Tuesday, September 25th @ 6:30pm

Summer Lunch Program Volunteers Luncheon for Freeport and Grace UMC - September 25 11:30am @ Evolution Grill. Please RSVP to Pastor Raphael @ 281-620-9928

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Gift Card Fundraiser –Pick up gift cards on back table. Next order will be October 7th

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Spark – January 11-13 Youth Summit. See bulletin board for information.

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Optional additions: formula/bottle, pacifier, wipes, diapers, socks/underwear, hats/mittens, nightlight/flashlight, journal, coloring book/crayons, comb/brush, teens: deodorant, lotion, feminine products.

*Please be sure all items in your bag correspond with the same age/gender. Teen pj's = teen book, newborn pj's = same size diapers, boy pj's = boy blanket, ect. Because of the magnitude of donations, they only accept complete bags, but you are encouraged to pair up with a friend if needed to complete a bag! **This mission will run from September – November. If you have questions you can contact the church office or go to Foster Love Project website <http://www.fosterloveproject.org/>***

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THE WORD

James 3:13-18 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵ Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶ For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Leader: This is the Word of God

Thanks be to God