

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, September 17 and Sunday, September 18, 2016

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WORSHIP SERVICES

5:00 pm – Saturday in the **Sanctuary**

7:45 am – Sunday in the **Sanctuary**

9:00 am - Sunday in Grace Hall 11:15 am - Sunday in the Sanctuary

10:15 Education Hour

** Nursery is available for children 3 and under during the Education Hour in Room 100.

WELCOME VISITORS

We welcome all visitors worshipping with us today. Please stop by the Visitor's Table to pick up a Welcome Bag. We invite you to sign the RCR card or fill out a visitor's card at the Table so we can get to know you.

Christian Education Begins This Sunday - 10:15 a.m.

Parents of children age 3 – Grade 6...please bring your children to the Sanctuary for the Opening and to meet their teachers.

Confirmation Orientation (7th & 8th Grades) - Parents and Students meet in the Theater.

Legacy (High School) will meet in the Legacy Room.

Adults - Join us at 10:30 in Grace Hall to hear about the exciting plans for adult education this fall. Refreshments are available.

Traditional Choirs

Traditional Choir rehearsals are starting up for the fall! If you have musical ability, a fine way to contribute to the life of our church would be to join one of our vocal or instrumental ensembles.

Luther Choir is a vocal and handbell choir for kids in grades 1 through 5. They meet on Wednesdays from 5:45 to 6:15pm and their first rehearsal was on September 7.



Agape Handbell Choir is for teens and adults and they meet on Mondays from 7:00 to 8:30pm and their first rehearsal was on September 12.

Chancel Choir is a vocal choir for teens and adults, meeting Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:30pm and their first rehearsal was on September 8.

Indicate your interest in any of these three ensembles on the RCR card and you will be contacted by Ted Dix, Organist and Director of Traditional Music and Music Ministry Development. Please consider being a part of the musical life at Grace!

IS THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLING YOUR NAME?

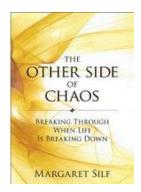
Are you recently retired? Are you looking for more meaning in life? Would you like your family to make lasting memories together? Are you ready to make a difference in this broken world?

If you've answered "yes" to any of the above questions, perhaps it is time that you check out some of the important ministries here at Grace. Table of Grace and Ardent Folk are part of the DNA of Grace Lutheran Church. At this time, we are very much in need of volunteers to keep these ministries actively serving our community. We need workers, but even more desperately we need people who are willing to step forward and lead. Both Table of Grace and Ardent Folk are in need of team leaders/cooks. Our current leaders are more than willing to provide on-the-job training and support. We have great volunteers to work alongside of you.

If the Holy Spirit is calling your name, why not check out these ministries that have such a positive impact on our community. They truly live out our congregation's vision of "building relationships with God and community." You will not regret the time and energy that you put into serving others in the name of Jesus.

Please sign the RCR card today and someone will be in touch with you to talk about the great possibilities for service.

Thursday Book Club



This fall we will be reading the book, "The Other Side of Chaos – Breaking Through When Life Is Breaking Down" by Margaret Silf. The book comes highly recommended by one of our book club participants. Reading this book will help us think about how those times of crisis can become times of growth and welcomed change. What if we saw the chaos – the "mess" – of our lives not as something to fear but as something to be embraced?

We will meet on September 22, October 13 & 27, and November 10. Pastor Martha will offer the book discussion from 1:30-3:00 and 7:00-8:30 as long as there are at least five people interested in a given time. Please see Pastor Martha to get a book. The cost is \$12 due at the first session. Please read chapters 1-5 for the first session.

<u>Tree Planting in Westminster - Help Save the Bay</u>

On October 1 we'll be on Baker Road in Westminster from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. You are invited to join in planting over 3,000 native wetland shrubs and grasses at a recently constructed wetland at Chestnut Creek Farm. The farmer converted cornfields to permanent pasture for his animals. This conversion to pasture has resulted in substantial water quality improvements. The wetland drains to Morgan Run, a cold water stream supporting naturally reproducing trout, and the Liberty Reservoir. Liberty Reservoir flows to the Patapsco River and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay. This event is part of the 2016 Maryland Day to Serve program and is sponsored by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Laura Heller is coordinating volunteers from Grace to join in this important event. If you can help, please sign the RCR card.

Octoberfest at St. Luke's Lutheran Church

St. Luke's Lutheran Church (Route 75, New Windsor) invites you to their annual Octoberfest on Saturday, October 8 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. There will be live music and dancing, authentic German cuisine, outside sales for bountiful fall items and children's activities and menu. There is no admission charge. Food is available for purchase.

Attention Women....

The Westminster Cluster of the Women of the ELCA will hold its Fall Meeting on Saturday morning, October 29 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Taneytown.

Registration begins at 9:30 and is followed by devotions at 10:00. The program this year is Christian Spa Day. Come learn about head/scalp massage, essential oil therapy and Christian prayer meditation, palm massage, making prayer beads, etc.

Why not bring a friend? Registration is not necessary but if you'd like to attend with other women from Grace, please sign the RCR card so we can get you in touch with one another!

Carroll County Christian Men's Prayer Breakfast



Carroll County Christian Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday, October 1 from 8:00 – 10:00 am at the Pleasant Valley Fire Hall. The keynote speaker is William J. Murray, who was raised by the prominent atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair. Bill Murray wrote "My Life Without God," directs the pro-Christian "Religious Freedom Coalition," and directs the "Christmas for Refugees" program for Christian refugee children.

For tickets and information contact Rich Stiles at 410-259-6544. Tickets are \$15.00, students of all ages are free.

Ted Dix Organ Concert at Emmanuel UCC in Hanover

Sunday, September 25, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. Ted Dix Organ Concert

"Music for the French Symphonic Organ" Emmanuel UCC, 124 Broadway, Hanover

Sponsored by generous donors

FREE and open to the community—No tickets required

Free-will offering graciously accepted

A dessert reception follows the concert to meet the performing artist

Featuring: Cantabile by Franck; Prelude and Fugue in E-flat by Saint-Saens; Grande Choer Dialogue by Gigout; Le Banquet Celeste by Messiaen; and selected movements from symphonies by Widor and Vierne.



Events for Youth

Grace Travels the World!



As Christians, Lutherans, and members of Grace we are called to serve both our local and global communities. Missions is the foundation of our faith and our vision—and allows us to build relationships with our Brothers and Sisters while growing and deepening our faith and opening us up to new opportunities and cultures. Missions is a blessing to those who you enter relationship with and to ourselves as we learn and experience faith in whole new ways. In the summer of 2017 we will be offering both a High School Mission Trip and a Young Adult/Adult Mission Trip where we will get to experience God's work in the world through service.

High School: <u>July 16-21, 2017</u> high school students are encouraged to join the Mission Trip to the Adirondack Mountains, New York with YouthWorks! This is a work camp site where we will serve the community through projects such as painting, cleaning, yard work, and other simple work projects and/or planning and leading programming for children in the community such as Bible lessons, games, crafts and reading. We'll also have the opportunity to experience the Adirondack Mountains through evening activities such as hiking, a trip to Natural Stone Bride & Caverns, and Lake George at Million Dollar Beach! We'll end our week by sharing a meal with the community we've been serving and building relationships with all week at the Community Cook Out! The cost is \$350/person and your \$100 deposit is due to Leanne by **September 18, 2016**. This will be Leanne's 6th youth mission trip at Grace and would love to talk with you if you have any questions or concerns.

Young Adult/Adult: June 7-13, 2017 we will be heading to Belize with Thirst Ministries! This will be Grace's first International trip and we are very excited to be able to offer this opportunity to those one year out of high school and older. It has been a goal of ours to offer an International trip for young adults and we have found an organization with which we are very excited to partner. The cost for the trip will be \$1500/person (airfare included). There will be an informational meeting on **Sunday, September 25 (please note the DATE has been CHANGED!)** in the Lower Gathering Space at 10:15 a.m. for those interested in the trip.

TECT

<u>T</u>eens <u>E</u>xperiencing <u>C</u>hrist <u>T</u>ogether is our mid-week youth group for 6th-12th grade students. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in Legacy for a time of fellowship and learning. Friends are always welcome and encouraged. Our first TECT will be on **September 21!**



DURING WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Preacher: Pastor Kevin Clementson

September Altar Guild: Jim and Donna Helm (S, GH)



SERVING THIS WEEK - September 17-18:

Worship Assistants: (5:00) Bob Lichtfuss, (7:45) Craig Giles, (9:00) Stacey Tanzey,

(10:30) Charlie Beckhardt

Communion Assistants: (9:00) Eileen Zepp, Junior Zepp, Kathleen Casper, Michelle Harrod, Rich Chanev

Ushers: (9:00) Linwood Van Horn,

Confirmation Students (to be announced) **Element Bearer: (9:00)** Kaylee Harris

SERVING NEXT WEEK - September 24-25:

Worship Assistants: (5:00) Kay Betz, Reader: Meg McCulloch, (7:45) Nancy Brody, (9:00) Kathy Rehak, (11:30) Florence Tucker Communion Assistants: (9:00) Chris Gilbart, Mandy Gilbart, Bill Comegna, Nancy Crews,

Steve Crews

Ushers: (9:00) Randy Bachtel,

Confirmation Students (to be announced) **Element Bearer: (9:00)** Jaymee Swartzbaugh

The altar flowers in the **Sanctuary** are given to the Glory of God in thanksgiving and in loving memory of Steve's mother by the Sabols.

<u>September 5—September 11, 2016</u>: (Bible Conversations) 15 (5:00) 28 (All Grace Rally Day 10:00) 283 (TOTAL) 326

Please remember in your prayers...

Names will remain on the Continuing Prayer List for four weeks unless otherwise requested. Names will then be removed unless another request is made. Please contact Dawn Stem in the church office (410-848-7020) with any prayer requests or email dstem@gracelc.org.



Those who are serving our country: Marshall Brown, Captain Ryan Chaney, PFC Tyler Czarnowsky, Chris St. Germain, Steve Haines, Christopher Hutchins, Nathan Karlson, Adam Miller, Leah Miller, Steven P. Miller, Jr., Paul Roberts, Joel Whitson, and all those individuals serving in our military

<u>Those in Convalescent, Nursing or Rehab Centers:</u> Sarah Barnes, Elinor Causey, Nancy Garrett, Donald and Nancy Michael, Alice Midttun, Ilona Ries, Lillian Rosenberg, Ruth Senseney, Barbara Serghini, Ellen Terry, Charlotte Waltz, and Dottie Whitson

<u>Continuing Prayers:</u> Adams Family, Charles Adams, Kelly Adams, Family of Thelma Adams, Irene Bailey, Ginny Beazley, The Bellgrau Family, Terri Bowers, Brian Bowersox, Robert Bridgeman, Lou Chappel, Cathy Chiaramonte, Dorien Cole, Kelly and Shaun Davis, Rocky and Bonnie Davis, Tom Dowling, Scott Eberts, Joseph Flemming, Peggy Fogle, Lynn Grim, Ann Grizzard, Dick Haines, Donna Helm, Gordon Jenkins, Kayala Plateel, Philip Kirk, Sandy and Walter Long, Chuck & Tammy Lowman, Don Ludwig, Laurie O'Banion, Dail Pease, Sandy Reilly, The St. Cross Family, Larry Stratton, Jose Toscano, Charlie Walkling, Michael Williams, Cade Wineke and Jessica Young

Global Ministry Partners: Pastors Eric and Wendolyn Trozzo serving in Malaysia, and The Lutheran Church, Paide, Estonia.

Also please pray for our pastors, the members of the Church Council, the staff and all of God's children at Grace Lutheran Church.

NOTE: If you or someone you know is going into the hospital please call the church office as soon as possible.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, September 18

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S) 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (L) 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)

10:15 am Christian Education Hour (various)

10:15 am Confirmation Orientation (T)

10:30 am Adult Education Orientation (GH)

11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)

Monday, September 19

2:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive (GH)

6:00 pm Cub Scouts (Various)

7:00 pm Agape Handbell Choir (MR)

7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Legacy)

7:00 pm Church Council Meeting (108)

8:30 pm AA Meeting (109/110)

Tuesday, September 20

12:00 pm Historical Society Box Lunch (GH) 12:00pm Table of Grace Soup Kitchen (FH/T)

4:15 pm Children's Chorus

Rehearsal (FH, T, MR)

6:00 pm Christian Education Meeting (107)

Wednesday, September 21

5:00 pm TOPS Weight Loss Club (111)
5:45 pm Luther Choir Rehearsal (MR)
7:00 pm TECT Youth Group (various)
7:30 pm Praise Band/Singers Practice (GH)
7:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Johansson's)

Thursday, September 22

1:30 pm Thursday Book Club (LGS)

5:00 pm Ardent Folk Bible Conversation (UGS)

6:00 pm Ardent Folk Weekly Meal (FH/T)

6:30 pm LFOG Board (107)

6:45 pm Trudging the Road AA (109/110)

7:00 pm Ardent Folk Debriefing (L)

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (MR)

7:00 pm Thursday Book Club (LGS)

7:30 pm New Beginnings NA (Legacy)

(CLV) Carroll Lutheran Village (FH) Fellowship Hall (T) Theater (S) Sanctuary (GH) Grace Hall (UGS) Upper Gathering Space (LGS) Lower Gathering Space (MR) Music Room (L) Library

Friday, September 23

6:30 am Men's Bkfst & Bible (Bob Evans) 8:00 pm Turning Point AA Meeting (109/110)

Saturday, September 24

5:00 pm Traditional Worship (S)

Sunday, September 25

7:45 am Traditional Worship (S) 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (L) 9:00 am Praise Worship (GH)

10:15 am Christian Education Hour (various)

10:15 am Mission Trip Informational

Meeting (LGS)

11:15 am Traditional Worship (S)



September Red Cross Blood Drive

Grace Lutheran is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, September 19 from 2:00-7:30 p.m. in Grace Hall. Please call or email Emma Jane Weishaar at 410-848-1231 or ejweishaar@comcast.net to schedule an appointment.

Carroll Lutheran School Golf

Tournament – Friday, October 7 Westminster National Golf Course 8:30 am start \$85 single or \$340 per foursome See Pastor Martha for registration materials.