



GRACE CHURCH
A UNITED METHODIST COMMUNITY

April 21, 2024

WE'RE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

110 W. Bel Air Ave., Aberdeen, MD 21001

www.GraceUMChurch.org

9:00AM WORSHIP

GREETING

SONGS OF PRAISE

Come, Now Is the Time to Worship

Light of the World

10,000 Reasons

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 1:26-31

Genesis 9:8-17

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING SONG

Awesome God

MESSAGE

Pastor Braulio

SONG RESPONSE

Here I Am, Lord

WORDS OF BLESSING



10:30AM WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY AND PROCESSION

Air from Water Music

G. F. Handel

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We come in faith, knowing we are God's own.

P: We come in hunger, needing guidance for the journey.

L: We come in sincerity, seeking relationship with God's creatures.

P: We come in humility, facing our limitations.

L: We come in hope, yearning for God's grace.

All: We come in joy, knowing God meets us here.

*OPENING HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth

Vss. 1,2,4,6 - UMH 92

*MORNING PRAYER

Amazing God, you make each of us to reflect your image. Together with creation, we reflect the fullness of the image of God. You give us a special responsibility to care for creation and one another with compassion. In this interdependent relationship, creation sustains us. May the Holy Spirit call us to new life with creation. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UMH 883

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

SOLO

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth

G. F. Handel

Marcia Boccia, soprano

*SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 1:26-31

Genesis 9:8-17

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

For the Fruit of All Creation

INSERT

MESSAGE

Pastor Braulio

PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

RECEIVING THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Air in G

G. F. Handel

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

*CLOSING HYMN

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

UMH 101

*BENEDICTION

*HYMN RESPONSE

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

Vs. 2 - UMH 671

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Hornpipe from *Water Music*

G. F. Handel

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Braulio Torres

Only Grace Praise Band

Praise Team Director: Nan Woppert

Music Director: Dennis Stewart

Soloist: Marcia Boccia

Liturgist: Melissa Harris

Ushers: (9:00) Bill & Shirley Rouse

(10:30) Jerry Phillips, Tabita Torres

ONLINE
GIVING





STAYING CONNECTED

April 21, 2024

Pastor

Rev. Dr. Braulio Torres

Church Administrator

Dennis Stewart

Communications Director

Anne Payne

Music Director

Dennis Stewart

Praise Team Director

Nancy Woppert

Church Treasurer

Bruce Appell

Custodian

Daniel Lopez

ALTAR FLOWERS - The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of the Sanctuary Choir and its director by Mike Stahl, and in honor of Midge Scibek's 80th Birthday by Karen Mitchell and family.

CHILDCARE MINISTRY - During our 9:00am worship service, we invite all children ages infant through 5th Grade to our Childcare Ministry. After our opening songs, caregivers will lead the kids to the Sanctuary Classroom. After worship, guardians can sign out their kid(s) from the classroom.



BLANKET DRIVE - We begin our annual Blanket Drive for Church World Service today. There are two inserts in the bulletin today showing how your contributions are used to help people in need around the world. Members of the United Women in Faith will be available by the Friendship Room following each service to receive donations. All donation forms must be in to the church office by Tuesday, May 7 to be listed on Mother's Day.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

- Today** - 6:00 p.m. - Youth of Grace (YOG) Meeting
- Mon. 4/22** - **Earth Day**
- Tues. 4/23** - 6:30 p.m. - Men's Softball Game vs Rising Sun Nazarene, 2626 Jacob Tome Highway, Rising Sun, MD
- Wed. 4/24** - 5:00 p.m. - Food Pantry - Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. - Only Grace Band Rehearsal
- Thurs. 4/25** - 6:30 p.m. - Carillons Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Sun. 4/28** - **The Fifth Sunday of Eastertide**
- 9:00 a.m. - Worship with Livestream
- 9:00 a.m. - Childcare Available
- 10:30 a.m. - Worship with Livestream
- 6:00 p.m. - YOG Meeting

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M-F 9am-1pm

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Give
Online

We are very glad you are here for worship today. We ask that you please sign-in on the pads at the end of each pew so we may record the presence of all who are here to worship God.

2024 Church World Service Blanket Drive
Sponsored by the Grace United Women in Faith

Almost everyone is familiar with Batman, Superman and other popular superheroes. But not all superheroes wear capes... . “My grandma teaches me to love all people. She helps with the blanket program at our church,” shared a nine-year-old superhero in the making, Spiderman. After many years of hosting a Blanket Sunday, Spiderman’s church requested blankets to share with the hundreds of people in their community who are in need. “I like helping out at our church. It’s fun and important.” He said. “This year, I get to help her pass out the blankets to other people!” Some of those people are children, like Spiderman. “I just want to make sure the other kids have everything they need.” As they share love they are also restoring hope—just like a superhero. You can show God's love and provide hope to your neighbors around the world by making a donation of \$10 per blanket. Each \$10 gift provides a blanket and enables someone to see and feel God's love in their lives. You may make your contribution **in honor of** or **in memory of** a loved one or someone special in your life. Members of the United Women in Faith will be available today by the Friendship Room to take your blanket donations following each worship service. All blanket donations are due in the church office by **Tuesday, May 7**. We will list the contributors on Mother’s Day, May 12. Please make checks payable to **Grace United Methodist Church**.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

In Memory of

given by

In Honor of

given by

Total No. of Blankets _____ **X \$10.00 each = TOTAL \$** _____

(Please write additional donations on the back of this sheet)



Imagine the *possibilities* of your *compassion*.

When tough times arise, a simple act of kindness can make all the difference.

Through our CWS Blankets program, you can share compassion, in a practical way, with neighbors facing hard times.

Through your compassion, amazing things can happen! **Imagine the positive possibilities from your generosity.**



“Our family supports the CWS Blankets program because these blankets bring hope to people who need a reminder that someone cares about them.”

— LEE KIESEL

Living a generous life

Generosity is a way of life for Rev. Joanna Sameulson, and she's planting the seeds of generosity and compassion in her twin sons Henry and Malcom.

"It is one thing to talk about caring for others, but it's quite another thing to participate." She said.



Rev. Joanna Sameulson and her twin sons Henry (pictured left) and Malcom (right).

Through their local church, Joanna and her sons are sharing hope and compassion with neighbors in need through CWS blankets.

"Through our commitment to this ministry, these blankets are going to offer comfort and security to those who may not have a safe place to live or to sleep. It is truly a privilege." said Joanna.

She's leaving a legacy of generosity that her sons will follow.

"As people of faith, we need to look out for others when we see people in need," said Malcom.

Malcolm and Henry were two of 14 youth serving their community during their church's youth mission week. They shared 230 kits and blankets with individuals and families in need.

"Getting involved is super important." shared Henry. "That's what God tells us to do, and that's what we should do as Christians."

Imagine the possibilities of your compassion when you give generously to your CWS Blanket Sunday offering.



FLEECE BLANKET

- *water-repellant*
- *durable*
- *warm*
- *soft*
- *doesn't add bulk*
- *for warmer climates*

WOOL BLANKET

- *water-resistant*
- *flame-retardant*
- *durable*
- *warm*
- *for frigid temps and extreme weather*



"And don't forget to do good and share with those in need."

— HEBREWS 13:16

For over 75 years, Church World Service has been helping people of faith bring God's hope and healing to people in the U.S. and around the world. When difficult times happen, a kind and loving response can make all the difference. That's why the CWS Blankets program was created—to give a kind, loving and tangible response to someone facing a difficult time, reminding them that they are not alone.

Join other generous donors and provide comfort and warmth to our neighbors in need.

\$10 CWS Blanket

\$25 CWS Blanket and a CWS Hygiene Kit

\$30 Three CWS Blankets
(two wool and one fleece)

\$45 Three CWS Blankets and a CWS Hygiene Kit

\$60 Blanket Bundle! Three wool CWS Blankets
and three fleece CWS Blankets

Imagine the possibilities of your compassion. **Scan this QR Code** to donate to CWS Blankets today.

Scan Me!



CWS HYGIENE KIT

- hand towel
- washcloth
- comb
- fingernail clippers
- bar of soap
- toothbrush
- toothpaste
- bandaids



Keeping our neighbors in prayer

Imagining what's possible through your compassion doesn't stop when neighbors receive a warm blanket. The possibilities are endless and includes prayer too!

Here are three ways you can keep our most vulnerable neighbors in your prayers:

- *God of promises, you remind us that you are present with all your people, including those who call the outdoors home or people who are living in a temporary shelter.*
- *God of warmth, you are with our neighbors who are cold and need comfort.*
- *God of hope and promises, the blankets and kits we offer today represent our compassion for our neighbors, acknowledging that we first received this love from God. We pray by sending these blankets and kits that God's grace will spread far and wide.*

"When I donate to the CWS Blanket offering at my church each year, I am joining other caring people to provide warmth and comfort to our neighbors who could use some extra love."

— MARCIE D. SYRACUSE, NY

