



# Grace Notes

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**November 4**

**All Saints**  
 Remembering the Deceased  
 "Citizens of Heaven"  
 Philippians 1: 20-30  
 Communion Sunday

**November 11**

**Veteran's Day**  
 "Real Christians"  
 Acts 7: 54-60

**November 18**

**Thanksgiving**  
 "Giving Thanks"  
 Luke 17: 11-19

**November 25**

**Preparing Advent/Christmas**  
 "Let Us Now Go to Bethlehem"  
 Luke 2: 8-20

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I remember attending church rallies and revivals as a child. At one time, my mom took me to one of the largest churches in the world, Yeiodo Full Gospel church in downtown Seoul, Korea, where, at the time, Dr. David Cho, would preach fire. After the service, we "waited in line" even to get out, and as I got out, I saw... people pouring out from the building for ... hours.

At another time the pastor of the largest Methodist church in the world, again in Seoul, Korea, Bishop Hong-do Kim of the Kunnan Methodist church would visit our church and lead a revival. Of course, our church did not have tens of thousands, so we didn't have to stay in line to get out or sit in the car for hours to get out of the parking, but as usual, it was a heartwarming experience that formed my childhood memories of church. It was there where I learned how to pray fire and, with a little pun intended, learned how to "sit through" service. And it was there where my heart for Christ slowly warmed up.

In recent years, these church rallies seemed to have been replaced by large music concerts, or even political rallies. People's hearts are warmed up, or even fired up, by live music and politics or whatever interests them. But if I would live my life again, I think I'll attend the church rallies again. Quoting Joshua, "Whatever you may choose, as for me and my household, we will choose the Lord." (Joshua 24:15)

I invite you to an exciting rally this coming Sunday and Monday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> (6pm) and 5<sup>th</sup> (6:30pm) at Marion, Aldersgate United Methodist Church (1201 N Fair St., Marion, IL). "An Acts 29 Prayer Encounter" is the theme with the guest speaker Rev. Dr. Terry Tekyl. I don't know if there will be any fire that day, but at least, it's my prayer for your hearts to be warmed up. So at the end of the day, you'll be filled with Christ for the Lord's harvest. After all, we're heading towards the Thanksgiving Day. What else can be more thankful than to fill our hearts and souls with Jesus?

*Pastor Rhee*



Dr. Terry Tekyl is coming to Cache River District this fall at Marion Aldersgate UMC, for the **District Rally on Nov 4th (6pm)**, and for a **Laity & Clergy Session on Prayer on Nov. 5th (6:30pm)**. He is the author of numerous books on prayer including *The Presence Based Church*, *Making Room to Pray*, and *How to Pray After You've Kicked the Dog*, and leads Prayer Encounter Seminars. Mark your interest on connection card, or sign up sheet in the lobby to attend together.

**UMW Christmas Yard  
& Bake Sale  
Saturday, November 17, 2018  
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

The United Methodist Women will hold its annual Christmas yard & bake sale on Saturday, November 17. Please bring your Christmas-related items (trees, lights, ornaments, candles, tins, dishes, & various decorations) to the church the week of Monday, November 12, through Friday, November 16, between the hours of 9 am and 3 pm. Call the Church Office if you have questions or need help with items.

We also encourage everyone to bring baked goods to sell. Please bring them to the Church Friday afternoon or before 7:30 am on Saturday morning, November 17.

Proceeds from the sale will go to missions, especially local agencies for hunger relief. We welcome anyone who is available during the week to help set up and organize the sale and to help on Saturday, also. Thanks to everyone for your donations and participation.





## Session With Bishop Beard

"A Way Forward" hearing session with Bishop Beard will be at Marion First UMC on Thursday, November 15th at 7pm. The Bishop will discuss the

three plans which have been offered as plans for A Way Forward with regard to the issues of human sexuality and unity. **Persons planning to attend the session in Marion must register in advance** online in order to ensure adequate accommodations for those wanting to attend and the seating capacities of the venues. Register here:

<https://igrc-reg.brtapp.com/gc2019briefings> . Or a signup sheet will be in the Grace church entrance lobby or call the church office (457-8785) to register together.

The Trustees are hosting a "Inside the Church Workday" Saturday, Nov. 10 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. You can sign-up on the Connection Card in the bulletin or just show up. All help will be appreciated.



**Work Day**  
at Church

## Charge Conference

Our annual Charge Conference with our new District Superintendent Rev. Stan Irvin will be Wednesday, November 28 at 6:00 p.m.



### Grace UMC Mission Statement

"Love God, love people, make disciples of Jesus Christ."

*MaTT Club is a place for kids and adults to gather with friends, old and new, at the table with Jesus.*



MaTT Club's October 7 meeting focused on the Fruit of the Spirit- Love. We used a strawberry to represent this 'fruit'. We played a game with balloons then talked about how the balloon needs to be filled (with air) before it can go anywhere. We, too, must be filled (with God's love) in order to show love to others. Any game with balloons is a big hit!

I read a funny book, *The King Who Rained* by Fred Gwynne about the funny way adults sometimes say things. I compared that to calling the gifts inside that God has given us, Fruit of the Spirit. When we say "Fruit of the Spirit" we're not talking about something you eat, we are talking about how we behave. We discussed that sometimes it is hard to show love. Especially to those who have hurt us. But that is what God wants, and expects of us. After brainstorming some ways to show love the children wrote those ideas on pictures of strawberries for their binder book. We made washi-tape sun catcher hearts during craft time.

October 21 was our annual Halloween party. Fourteen children played games and made Halloween crafts. We played Four Corners while waiting for everyone to arrive.

Some of the children wore their Halloween costumes. We had a fox, a butterfly, superman, Harry Potter, witches, black cats, a Greek goddess, a scientist and whole lot of characters that I think might have been from video games or maybe super heroes. I'd better brush up on characters!

All the kids had fun playing Eyeball Bounce, Memory, Knock Down the Ghosts, Baby Ghost relay, Feed the Pumpkin Eater, and Candy Corn Toss. The kids chose one or more crafts to make. We created pumpkins from rolls of toilet paper, spider webs and hanging ghosts.

I explained the origin of today's Halloween customs. We also talked about All Saints Day.

Thank you Danie and Kierra for coming to help tonight. Thank you parents and grandparents who jumped in to help!

Thank you Natalie for providing supper on October 7.  
Thank you Jennifer for taking photos.

Happy October birthday Elliott, Elijah, and Clara.  
Happy November birthday Gita, Marat, Mary Louise, Madeleine, and Grace.



## What is a Certified Lay Speaker?

A **Certified Lay Speaker** is a current Certified Lay Servant whose call has been affirmed by the Conference Committee on Lay Servant Ministries to serve the church in pulpit supply.

The Certified Lay Speaker serves by preaching the Word when requested by the pastor, district superintendent, or Committee on Lay Servant Ministries.

Part of the process to become a Certified Lay Speaker is to be recommended by the pastor and the church council or charge conference, be interviewed by the District Committee on Lay Servant Ministries, and be approved and certified by the Conference Committee on Lay Servant Ministries Committee.

In addition to completing a 15 hour Basic Course, Certified Lay Speakers take 60 hours of coursework in Leading Worship, Preaching, Leading in Prayer, Spiritual Gifts, United Methodist Heritage, and United Methodist Polity.

On October 20, 2018, The Illinois Great Rivers Conference, to which Carbondale Grace UMC belongs, approved two persons from our church, John and Roberta DePuy, as **Certified Lay Speakers**. Please uphold them in your prayers as they serve our church, community, and conference.



**Please have articles for the December Grace Notes to the church office by November 21.**



## Hanging of the Greens

We will decorate the church for the Advent season on November 25 following early worship, during the Sunday school time. Help from all is appreciated, individuals and classes included! Bring a snack to share if you wish. Many hands and eyes make decorations go up quickly!

Deaths in the



**CHURCH  
FAMILY**

Our sincere sympathy is given to the family of Ruth Brooks who passed away September 30 at the age of 98 years.

Lisa Upton passed away October 4, 2018. Her funeral was held at Grace Church on October 9 with Rev. In-Sook Hwang and Rev. Jungil Rhee officiating. Our deepest sympathy to Tom, Brianna and Annabella and to Lisa's many family members and friends.

### Family Fellowship

Family Fellowship is taking a break for the winter. Look for Family Fellowship to resume in June.



### United Methodist Women News



United  
Methodist  
Women  
FAITH · HOPE · LOVE IN ACTION

Representatives from Grace UMC's United Methodist Women' group, Shirley Smith and Shirley Richer, attended the Cache River District meeting on September 22 in DuQuoin. During the memorial portion of the meeting, two of our late members were recognized. Ludine Chamness and Joan Harris' names were lifted up in memory of their service to the Lord and to the United Methodist Women.

### Medical Missions



We will be doing a wire transfer to Dr. Fasa, medical missionary in Indonesia, in early December. If you wish to help with the mission work he does, please have your donations to the church by November 30. Checks would need to be written to Grace UMC with the memo Dr. Fasa.



**Carbondale in Thanksgiving**  
**Monday, November 12, 7:00 p.m.**  
 First Christian Church  
 306 W. Monroe

Prayers, readings and reflections shared by area faith groups.  
 Music and Fellowship

Thanksgiving address:  
 "Thanksgiving in the Midst of Trouble"  
 By the Reverend In-Sook Hwang

Please bring a canned good. Canned goods and financial offerings will go to support Feed My Sheep Soup Kitchen and Good Samaritan Ministries.

Reception immediately following the service.



Carbondale Grace sent 24 bottles of liquid detergent and a cash donation of \$100.00 to the Midwest Missions Distribution Center. Midwest Missions sends these items through our United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) for help in the cleanup process in the aftermath of hurricanes and tornadoes. Thank you for helping others in the Name of Jesus!

James 1:22-25

**22** But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. **23** For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, they are like a person observing their natural face in a mirror; **24** for they observe themselves go away, and immediately forget what kind of person they were. **25** But those who look into the perfect law of liberty and continues *in it*, and are not forgetful hearers but a doers of the work, they will be blessed in what they do.

From *Roberta DePuy*, Lay Servant Ministries

## **November Birthdays** (by date)

- 1- Abigail Held
- 1 - Jacob Williams
- 3 - Cathy Biggs
- 4 - Audrey Meador
- 7 - Gabrielle Vineyard
- 14 - Larry Dunlap-Berg
- 16 - Kierra Langin
- 16 - Grace Rhee
- 18 - Roy Harris
- 18 - Rosemary Hubenthal
- 19 - Xavier Berkel
- 21 - Courtney Stuck
- 22 - Garrett O'Bryan
- 23 - Betty J. Smith
- 23 - Shirley Smith
- 24 - Kenny Arthur
- 25 - Casey Hickman
- 26 - Jonah Adams
- 28 - John Vana
- 29 - John Burde
- 30 - Marilyn Hisgen
- 30 - Tom Upton



## **Early December**

- 12/5 Michael Adams
- 12/7 Raetta Blessing



- Nov. 6 Mark & Danielle Schultz
- Nov. 26 Deon & Linda Egner

## **Grace United Methodist Church**

- 9:00 a.m. Praise and Worship Service
- 10:10 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:15 a.m. Traditional Worship Service