

THE METHODIST MESSENGER

GRANT MEMORIAL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Our Church Staff:

Pastor —
Rev. Nicholas Perez

Administrative Assistant -
Melissa Dyer

Organist—
Dan Ladner

Sexton—
Dave Blanchard

PRAYER LIST:

Our service men and
women and their
families
Our nation's leaders
Our brothers & sisters
in Israel & Palestine
All Caregivers
All Immigrants & those
protesting
Border Patrol &
Customs
Rhiana Davenport
Lee Mathis
Lola Johnson
Bea Giberson
Chaplain David
Dyrenforth
Susan Clark
Joyce Bither
Brenda Donovan
Jarrod Walton & family
Carol W's sister,
Tamara
Travis Barry
Stewart Libby
Dave Blanchard
Ivan Pratt
Ellen Libby

Thank you for helping
us keep our prayer list
updated!

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as
faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.
(1 Peter 1:10, NIV)*

Dear Grant Memorial Faith Family,

When someone becomes a member of a United Methodist congregation, they make a commitment to support the church through their prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. We choose to make this commitment because we have been indelibly changed by how we have experienced God's grace through God's people. We are moved by the Spirit to join in the mission of the church to share the all-encompassing, all-embracing love of Jesus with a hurting world because we know firsthand how the Gospel can transform hearts and lives.

A foundational Christian belief is that none of us has done or can do anything to earn God's grace. God freely and generously bestows God's grace upon us despite our unworthiness. Though we are incapable of earning God's grace, each of us is called to seek to grow in grace by engaging in practices which deepen our love of God and love of neighbor such as expressing our thankfulness and joy as well as anxiety and hurt to God in prayer, reading, and meditating upon the Scriptures, feeding the hungry, welcoming the stranger, caring for the sick, advocating for social justice, and more. We are called to have a living and active faith and to use the unique gifts which the Spirit has given us to share the inexhaustible love and abundant grace of our God with our neighbors. Being a good steward is about far more than our monetary giving. Being a good steward means that we bring all that we have and all that we are to the task of transforming hearts and minds with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We do not really possess anything. All that we have and all that we are is a gift of God to be used for the glory of God.

As we enter into Stewardship Season, I invite you to prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to be a good steward of the gifts which God has blessed you with. How can your unique gifts enrich the mission and ministry of Grant Memorial and share God's transformative love with those in our community who are in deepest need?

In Christ's love,
Rev. Nicholas Perez

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

1—Judy Lake
2—Dale Golder
4—Rev. Dave Williams
6—Dave & Pat Mahoney
7—Jenice Jarvis
11—Wes & Kim Lavigne
14—Bailly Hovey Lockhart, Jonathan Kimball
16—Vicki Huston
17—Lindsay Clairmont
19—David Huston, Sydney Lavigne, Colleen Williams
26—Carolyn Kimball

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE A BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY TO ADD!

FROM THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Please help the Missions Committee collect items for the Homeless Services of Aroostook. This is a joint project with other churches in the Cooperative Parish.

Items needed include:

Warm Socks
Slippers
Hats
Mittens

If you prefer to give a financial donation, that is welcome too; items can be purchased or the money donated directly to the shelter.

Thank you!

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Finance Committee, I want to extend a big thank you for all of your generous gifts given throughout the year. Whether you donated money, time or talent, it all helps fulfill the various missions of Grant Memorial UMC. Your response to various missions has been nothing short of phenomenal.

If you pledged or estimated your giving last year, you should have received a year-to-date statement from Melissa by now that shows your annual total as of the date of the statement. I personally found that very helpful as in reviewing my own statement, I realized I hadn't given as much to GIFT as I thought I had, so I have time to increase that before year-end. I hope you found it helpful as well. Stewardship Season will soon be upon us, and it's the time when the Finance Committee must submit an annual budget to the Conference. While we are generally financially sound, we do have some challenges that lie ahead. Our operating expenses have increased substantially, most notably the property taxes, and we are all very much aware of the increase in gas and heating oil, which affects nearly all other expenses in some form. I ask for your prayers for the members of the Finance Committee that we are able to competently and wisely navigate the challenges ahead.

Sherry Chamberland, Finance Committee Chair

THANK YOU

Dear GMUMC Scholarship Committee,

Thank you very much for awarding me your scholarship. It will go directly into paying for my tuition. The church has been a backbone for my morals and I truly appreciate it.

~ Nicholas Lavigne

Dear GMUMC Church Family,

I want to say thank you so much for the financial support of my time at Camp Mechuwana this summer! It means so much to me that my church is such a huge support of me and my relationship with God. I always enjoy my time at camp and I really, really appreciate the opportunity to go and connect with all of the friends I have there. Thank you for your amazing support and all of the opportunities that I have gotten to grow in my faith!

Lots of Love,

Payton

SAVE THE DATE

Annual Christmas Bazaar

**Saturday, December 5th
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

More details to come soon.....
but it's not too early to start planning what to bake or craft,
and if you have time available to help out with set up,
working at the Bazaar, or help cleaning up.

