

## Week of September 17, 2023



**From Woody:** Grace is one of the central tenets of the Christian faith. It is the love of God given freely to all of us in life. So I share some wise thoughts on God's grace from Frederick Buechner:

Grace is something you can never get but can only be given. There's no way to earn it or deserve it or bring it about any more than you can deserve the taste of raspberries and cream or earn good looks or bring about your own birth. A good sleep is grace and so are good dreams. Most tears are grace. The smell of rain is grace. Somebody loving you is grace. Loving somebody is grace. Have you ever **tried** to love somebody?

The crucial eccentricity of the Christian faith is the assertion that people are saved by grace. There's nothing you have to do. There's nothing you **have** to do. There's nothing you have to **do**.

The grace of God means something like: "Here is your life. You might never have been, but you are, because the party wouldn't have been complete without you. Here is the world. Beautiful and terrible things will happen. Don't be afraid. I am with you. Nothing can ever separate us. It's for you I created the universe. I love you."

There's only one catch. Like any other gift, the gift of grace can be yours only if you'll reach out and take it. Maybe being able to reach out and take it is a gift too.



**Special Notice:** On Thursday, September 21st the carpeting in the sanctuary and the Marden Building will be cleaned. The carpets will need to dry for up to 6 hours after the cleaning is complete. With this in mind the Trustees of Expenditures are requesting that no one walk on the carpeted areas between the hours of 9:00am and 6pm on September 21st. If you have questions or concerns please speak with one of the trustees.



**Church School has Resumed:** Church School resumed last Sunday with Rally Day. Everyone is welcome! Lynn is looking for helpers. If you would like to help, contact Lynn at [lwawrzyniak@comcast.net](mailto:lwawrzyniak@comcast.net)

**The Community Church of New Boston**

**Chicken BBQ Dinner**

**Saturday, October 7**



**Dine In or Take Out**

**\$16 Full Meal**  
1/2 chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, dessert

**\$12 Half Meal**  
1/4 chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, dessert

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**Time is 5-7 pm**

Sign up to work the event:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44ADA82EA4F85-chicken2>



**New Members:** We would love to welcome some new members into the congregation this Fall. If you are interested we will have a meeting to discuss membership on Sunday, Oct. 1 at 9am. Please contact Woody with any questions. You may be a long time part of our church family or relatively new to our faith community but we would love to welcome you as a member.



**Sanctuary Flowers:** Volunteers are needed to provide flowers for the altar on Sunday. There is a signup list outside the office door at church, or you can email Ellen at [andersel@njms.rutgers.edu](mailto:andersel@njms.rutgers.edu) It is a wonderful way to contribute to the service; one can give in memory of someone or some event as well. Just let Ellen know. Flowers can be from your garden, the roadside, or the store. Vases are available in the kitchen if you need one



**Peace Quote:** . For Jesus, peace seems to have meant not the absence of struggle, but the presence of love.....*Frederick Buechner*