

*No Matter Who You  
Are Or Where You  
Are On Life's  
Journey, You Are  
Welcome Here...*

Grace UCC is a church without barriers to God- a welcoming, inclusive, open and affirming congregation. Our worship celebrations are held each Sunday morning at 11:00 at the Flemington Woman's Club, 43 Park Avenue, Flemington, NJ.

Communion is served weekly and all are welcome around the table.

Adult Bible Studies are on going.

## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

- 1785- First Ordained African American Pastor
- 1853- First Ordained Woman Pastor
- 1972- First Ordained Openly Gay Minister

### PASTORS' POINTS OF VIEW...

“Attending church is not all about doctrine and piety. It can be a part of one’s spiritual journey. At Grace UCC, the Christian message is seen in the all-inclusive love of Jesus. This means that all are welcome; all are met where they are, and all are encouraged to find ways to extend Christ’s peace to those in need. In the end, my hope is that we strive to be not only believers in Christ, but followers of Jesus.”

Rev. Dan Lundquist, Pastor

“At Grace UCC we are concerned with following the New Covenant. Love God with everything you’ve got, and love your neighbor as yourself. As Jesus said, all other law hangs on this. Christ’s words are simple, but following is not easy.”

Rev. Sue Goodwin, Pastor

### Mission Projects:

- Flemington Food Pantry
- Ecological and Peace efforts
- Katrina Relief
- Progressive Church
- Child Sponsorship
- Poverty Relief Efforts
- Pennies and Nickels
- Relay for Life

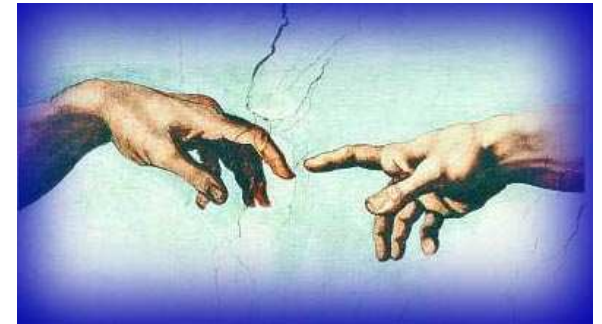
# Grace

(UCC)

# Church



*A Progressive Christian Community*



Grace United Church of Christ  
Meeting at the Flemington Woman's Club  
43 Park Avenue, Flemington, NJ  
Sunday: 11:00 A.M.

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Rev. Sue Goodwin  
Rev. Dan Lundquist  
Dorothy Fine, Pianist

## In Praise of the United Church of Christ

“Throughout the course of my professional career I have always been impressed by that faith community which calls itself the United Church of Christ

The United Church of Christ has always defined itself as open theologically and progressive on all social issues. This Church, above all other denominations, seems willing to allow its understanding of Christianity to engage contemporary knowledge. That is a remarkably rare reality in church life since for most people religion seems to be more a search for security than a search for truth. In my experience it takes enormous spiritual maturity for religious people to be able to discuss, debate and reformulate their deepest beliefs in the light of new insights, since that involves changes both in the way we understand ourselves and the way we understand God...With so many parts of the Christian Church hiding in anti-intellectual stands, the United Church of Christ stands out in clear relief...

I salute The UCC...”

John Shelby Spong

(Bishop Spong is a retired Episcopal Priest. The above is from his July 11, 2007 newsletter *A New Christianity for a New World.*)

**PEACE,  
LOVE,  
COMPASSION,  
KINDNESS,  
MERCY,  
GRACE...**

*Many in our church...*

- Take the Bible seriously, but not literally...
- Accept all wherever they are on their faith journeys...
- Try to judge no one...
- Believe God is still speaking in our midst...
- Believe in a liberty of conscience...
- Believe in evolution as not being a hindrance to faith but as a part of faith...
- Have come from places where they have not felt welcomed...

*“...I can emphatically say that every time I have been there since the very first time it has felt like coming home spiritually...A congregation that can so successfully guide young adults into being thoughtful, introspective and active Christians is doing something very right.” --Kelly*

*“It’s great to have a place to worship where you can be fully a part of a church without having to be on a committee.” --Clint*

## Grace UCC Vision Statement

Grace UCC, a church without barriers to God, is a welcoming, inclusive, open and affirming congregation, rooted in the ministry of Jesus Christ. We acknowledge that God is still speaking in the world and in our midst. With God’s grace, we seek to be a congregation that includes all persons, embracing differences of sexual orientation, gender, marital status, age, mental and physical ability, as well as racial, ethnic, or socioeconomic background. We welcome all to share in the life and leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities, and blessings of participation in our congregation. No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.

