

Good News from Grace

JUNE 2022

Our Purpose

The purpose of our church is to make a difference by serving others through God's love and our faith.

June 26, 2019 (Third Sunday after Pentecost)

Galatians 5:14 –For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

A generous heart is built on the firm foundation of God's abundant love, but it doesn't stop there. Once you begin to see through the lens of love, everything looks different. Let love be your language, your dance of dissidence, and the song of your generous heart.



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Flat Jesus

Don't forget while traveling this summer to send any images to gelc@comcast.net or post on the Grace [Facebook](#) page. When we receive the images we will put a dot on the map as well as printing them in the newsletter from **May 29 – August 28** so everyone can see all the places Grace has gone with Jesus this summer!

Need A Ride?

Contact the church office Monday - Thursday from 8am - 12 noon at 717-737-0439 or email gelc@comcast.net for a list of members who are available to help you get where you need to go.

FROM VICAR SUSAN

I wanted to take the opportunity to thank the members of Grace, and especially Pr. Cover and Pr. Evan, for hosting me as your intern. I have had a wonderful experience learning and growing as I continue to form my pastoral identity. Thank you all for the many gifts, lunches, cards and best wishes.

I have been assigned to the Lower Susquehanna Synod and I am currently in the call process. I will share more information as it becomes available.

I have found this prayer from the Vespers service (ELW, p. 317) to be very comforting in times of change and I hope you will as well.

Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May God continue to bless you as you have been a blessing to me.

Vicar Susan

PASTORAL SUPPORT

Pastor Evan is available for pastoral care while Pastor Lois is out of the office through June 28. Should you have a need, please contact the church office or Pastor Evan's cell phone 717-497-3742. Beginning June 29 and after, you may contact either pastor for care.

FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR

Greetings to you in this time after Pentecost, a season of growth.

I am away this week for the LuTMA Annual Conference in St. Louis, Missouri. LuTMA is the professional organization to which I belong – Lutheran Transitional Ministry Association. It is a pan-Lutheran organization (ELCA, LCMS, LCMC, NALC, etc.) that focuses on training pastors for intentional interim ministry.

Over the years, I have developed collegial relationships with intentional interim pastors across the nation. I greatly appreciate this network of support. This week, the keynote speaker, the Rev. Dr. Emlyn Ott, Executive Director for Healthy Congregations, Inc. will address “The Challenges of Transitional Ministry in Such a Time as This.” As we come out of the Covid pandemic, we are transitioning into a new era – one marked by hybrid worship (in person and live-streaming) and a new definition of “community.” Our community is no longer “just” the people who gather at the church building. The circle of our

community has expanded to include those who join us on the virtual airways. The pandemic has changed how we tell the good news. We are invited to embrace this new future by continuing with innovative and creative ways of worship, education, and outreach ministries.

What does this interim time mean for us – you and me – here at Grace? The interim time begins with the departure of a permanent pastor and ends with the call of a permanent pastor. The time in between is a time of transition – the end of a chapter in the story of the congregation and the beginning of a new chapter in its story. During this time, the congregational system is open, more receptive to change.

My next step is to engage in conversations with the lay leaders and members of the staff (who are members of Grace) to review their legacy at Grace, to talk about strengths and weaknesses and the positives and negatives of past pastorates. These

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GYG Schedule

June
19-25 Confirmation Camp

July
23-29 LutheranHANDS
Mission trip to
Minneapolis, MN

CLICK HERE to view the full
2021 - 2022 GYG Schedule.

Youth Food Cards

In the dollar amounts of \$ 25, \$50, and \$100 are available at the office Monday - Thursday from 8am - 12noon. Contact Chris at 717-737-0439 to let him know when you plan to stop in. Checks should be made to GELC with Youth Food cards on the memo line.



**MEMORIES OF GRACE: JUNE 21-24, 1972
HURRICANE AGNES**

Grace Lutheran Bible School was ended abruptly on Thursday that week when it was discovered that there was a good foot of water in the church basement. By Sunday the floors were dry but all Bible School projects that were on the floor were ruined.

At this time, the choir room was the small closet like room between the steps to the stage and the stairs from the basement to the Chelsea Road entrance. There were file cabinets containing choir music and all the choir gowns were hung there. Choir practice was held in the choir loft or a Sunday School room by the sanctuary.

Our organist and choir director, George and Ruth Ferrell, lived in Highland Park and had water to the top of their basement. Pastor Neal had water to the top step of the basement in the parsonage next to the church.

After church, several of us went to see what damage was done in the choir room. The bottom two drawers of the file cabinets were holding water and the choir gowns were wet from the bottoms to the tops. The two bottom drawers of three cabinets were removed and tilted to drain excess water. They were carried up and placed in our station wagon. The gowns were carried on hangers and added to the pile in the car.

When we arrived home the gowns were hung by hanger on the clothes lines in the beautiful sun. At the time our choir gowns were two piece black and white. It looked as if a Monastery had moved into our home. When they dried, they were moved to an extra bed covered with plastic. I washed several a day and returned to the choir room after it was cleaned.

The file drawers were taken to our basement and picnic table benches were placed at opposite ends of the room. Many lines of binder twine were stretched between them. We would pick up a folder of music and tilt and drain water. Each piece of music was opened to the middle and hung on line. This was done with every piece of music. When dry they were placed in clean file folders, labeled and placed in dry, clean file drawers. This was repeated many times. That music was used for many more years.

Carolyn Bair and I worked many times with 2 two year old's and 2 five year old's playing nearby.

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HARD-WORKING YOUTH NEED SNACKS

27 Grace members, 15 youth and 12 adults, will head to Minneapolis on a Mission Trip on July 23. On these trips, we pack lunches from the provided lunch meat and snacks before we head to the work site. We are asking Grace members to provide granola bars and Lance crackers for the hungry crew. These items can be dropped in the labeled bin in the library. Please contact Susan Ryder ryder.susan@comcast.net or 717-574-1960 with any questions.

Emergency Roadside Kit Suggestions

Before heading out on your summer trips PennDOT recommends packing the following as an Emergency Roadside Kit:

- Cell phone & charger
- First Aid kit
- Flashlight, flares and a white flag
- Jumper cables
- Supplies for changing a tire
- Non perishable food, drinking water & medicines

Congregational Meeting Packets

If you were unable to attend the Congregational Meeting on June 12 and would like to receive one of the packets please contact the church office at 717-737-0439 or gelc@comcast.net and Diane or Chris will be glad to send one out to you.

Did You Know....

On June 23 in 1972 Hurricane Agnes becomes America's costliest natural disaster at that time, affecting 15 states, with 119 deaths and \$3 billion in damage.

That June 24 brings Midsummer Day, traditionally the midpoint of the growing season, halfway between planting and harvesting. It is celebrated in many cultures on the night of June 23, as Midsummer Eve

On June 27 in 1929 the 1st color TV demo, was performed by Bell Laboratories in NYC.

Prayer REQUESTS

We hold in prayer especially this week...

James Hoover, Pastor Evan, Docoline Stroud, Gladys Cline, Noah Helwig, Elijah C., Mary Heverling, Mary Ann Osswald, Michael, Danielle Pizzolatto and their children: Dominic, Caroline & Gabriel, Lori Weber, Sue Gasswint, Joe Jackson, Debbie Aldridge, Kay Lee, Yvonne Gettys, Patti Reed, Diane Brokenshire, Keith Downs, Garry Murray, Vernon Frazier, and Dean Jury.

We hold in ongoing prayer...

Darlene M., Margaret Knupp, Kathryn Tuckey, Pastor Molly Haggerty, Frank Blizzard, Gerry & Sara Jane Crawford, Mary Louise Shetter, Charlie Buchanan, Joyce Allan, Sis Hoffman, David Harman III, Howard Lauver, Priscilla Walter, Lesly Richards, Eileen McCann, Mike Lutz, and Destiny Glenn.

We also hold our shut-ins in prayer:

Louis Lore, John Hench, Shirley Hughes, John Shuey, Betty Bennett, and Dick Cromer.

If you have family members or friends on the prayer list please notify the church office (717-737-0439 or gelc@comcast.net) each month with updates. Your input helps us maintain the prayer list since we are not aware of the changes in the health status of those on the list.

...Continued from page 1 conversations will help me to assess the health of the congregation. Different things will surface during these conversations. Some of the same ideas that surfaced during the strategy planning process will be restated. There will also be new ideas expressed. I will keep the Council apprised of my progress and findings. Then, I usually organize a Transition Team to help with gathering information that will go into writing the Mission Site Profile (MSP) which is the document that tells pastoral candidates all about Grace – past, present, and future hopes and dreams.

You might be wondering – why aren't we forming a Call Committee now to get on with the business of calling a permanent pastor. The formation of a Call Committee will come, in time, but first, we allow space for grieving, primarily for the emotional loss of Pastor Cover and Vicar Susan. We also take some

75th Anniversary Celebration

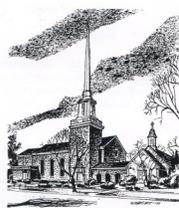
If you were unable to attend the luncheon and would like to view the program portion or the slideshow showcasing images from over the last 75 years, it is on the church website at www.gracecamphill.org or [CLICK HERE](#).

If you have memories or photographs to share please continue to send them in! We would like to include them in the newsletter throughout 2022! Images and stories can be emailed to Diane at deppengelc@gmail.com or by dropping them off at the church office Monday-Thursday 8am to 12noon.

time to care for the anxieties of the congregation. Generally, congregations are anxious organisms. It is important to reduce anxiety, to build trust, and to maintain open lines of communication. Intentional interim pastors are trained to be non-anxious leaders and to help congregations reduce their anxiety.

I will continue to talk about intentional interim ministry in the next few articles, but in the meantime, let's continue to get to know one another, to build trust, to openly and honestly communicate, and to reduce anxiety. And, most importantly, if you would like to have a conversation with me and you have not been contacted, please let me know and I'll include you in this process. Together, we will work through this interim time so that when you call your next permanent pastor, you are ready to embrace a new ministry, "in such a time as this."

Serving in the name of Christ,
Pastor Lois Van Orden



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John and I had always

wished we had taken a picture of this process because it is a part of Grace's history. None of us ever thought of it. Today with cameras in cell phones it would be done.

John and I were fortunate because we lived on a hill and had a well. Many of our friends from church were badly affected by Agnes and were without water even if they were not flooded.

Helen Titzel

FROM THE MUSIC TEAM

Hello Grace,

This week's special music is a voice solo from Gordon Kaslusky, a local music teacher and a dear friend and colleague to both of us. Gordon will be singing "If With All Your Hearts" from Mendelssohn's "Elijah." He will also be cantoring the service. We are looking forward to hearing him sing in our Sunday morning worship service. Below you can read his bio:

Gordon Kaslusky teaches choral music at Mechanicsburg Area Senior High School in Mechanicsburg, PA. His responsibilities include conducting three choirs, teaching music theory, and overseeing the development of the K-12 music curriculum. In addition, he serves as the music department coordinator and artistic director of Wildcat Productions. Previously, he taught middle school music in the Central York School District (2003-06), and the Mechanicsburg Area School District (2006-present).

In addition to his teaching and administrative responsibilities, Gordon is an active tenor soloist. He has performed with the Harrisburg Singers, Essence of Joy Alumni Choir, Ambassador's Concert Choir and Oklahoma City Philharmonic, as well as numerous church choirs in the central PA region. He also maintains a private voice studio.

Blessings,

Kristopher and Emily Hartman



UPCOMING EVENTS

Book Club

The next book club meeting is on **Tuesday, June 28 at 7pm via Zoom.**

They will be discussing "The Change" by Kirsten Miller.

Melinda Bechtel will be leading the book discussion. [CLICK HERE](#) for Zoom log in information.

The Gathering

The Gathering is for all "senior" women. They meet **the third Wednesday at 1pm for lunch and fellowship.** Each month a different restaurant is selected.

For more information contact Nancy Whitcomb at 717-697-1823.

Men of Grace

Join us on **the third Thursday of the month at 6pm via zoom.**

For more information contact Matt Hearn 717-350-1048 or Rick Keen 717-657-5563.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the zoom meeting information.

Sight & Sound Films

Sight & Sound is taking their passion for storytelling from the stage to the big screen! Sight & Sound Films will tell true stories about historical figures whose lives changed the world because Christ first changed them.

Coming to Movie Theaters in December 2022 "[I Heard the Bells: The Inspiring true story behind the beloved Christmas Carol](#)".

Known as America's Poet, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow leads an idyllic life -- until the day his world is shattered by tragedy. With a nation divided by Civil War and his family torn apart, Henry puts down his pen, silenced by grief. But it's the sound of Christmas morning that reignites the poet's lost voice as he discovers the resounding hope of rekindled faith.



Sponsorships

Consider sponsorship of either the altar flowers in honor or memory of loved ones or the bulletin & mailing sponsorship. The cost is \$36 for altar flowers and \$27 for bulletin & mailing sponsorship.

[CLICK HERE](#) to see available dates. If you are interested in sponsoring one of these weeks you can either sign up on the bulletin board across from the elevator or contact Diane in the church office at 717-737-0439 x15 or deppengelc@gmail.com.

Note: Other Altar Flower dates are available for sponsorship at special request by contacting the church office no later than the Tuesday, prior to the date you wish to sponsor.

Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra

The Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra once again will hold its FREE Summer Concert Series which will travel to five venues from June 30 to July 4.

Thursday, June 30 at 8:00pm - Lebanon Valley College, Annville
Friday, July 1 at 7:30pm - Millerstown Community Park, Perry Co.
Saturday, July 2 at 8:00pm - Negley Park, Lemoyne
Sunday, July 3 at 8:00pm - Dickinson College, Carlisle
Monday, July 4 at 7:30pm - Reservoir Park, Harrisburg

For more information about the summer concerts, including alternate locations in the event of inclement weather, visit the [orchestra's website](#).

This Week at Grace...

The Altar Flowers for **Sunday, June 26** are given to the Glory of God.

The Bulletin & Mailing Sponsorship for **Sunday, June 26** is given by Bill & Sandy Robison in honor of Nathan Robison's 11th birthday.

The Sanctuary Lamp Sponsorship for **June** is given by D. G. Robert Little in honor of all graduates.

The Special Benevolence Offering for **June is Lutheran Camping Corporation.** To contribute please list the amount on your offering envelope next to Special Offering Ministry and list LCC under comments.

Good News from Grace articles are due by **12 noon on Tuesdays.** Email to deppengelc@gmail.com

Join us for Worship!

Saturdays at 6:00PM
Sundays at 9:30AM
or
[via Live Stream](#)

Sunday School

Sundays September to May



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