

Good News from Grace

MAY 2022

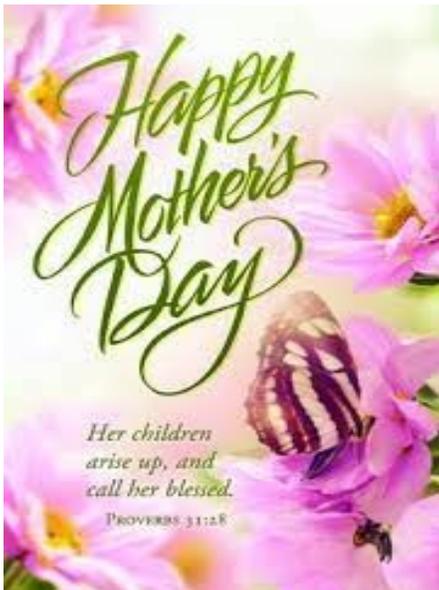
Our Purpose

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

May 8, 2022 (Fourth Sunday of Easter)

Acts 9:36 – Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity.

Never underestimate the power of one person to make a difference in our church and the world. Tabitha touched people with good works, including making clothes for others. How are you using your God-given talents for the sake of others?



Please contact
Pastor Evan
(717-497-3742)
or
Vicar Susan
(717-497-1013)
directly if you need
pastoral assistance.

Sponsorship Opportunities

To see available dates [CLICK HERE](#) or check the bulletin board by the elevator.

*Special requests may be made for dates not listed. Contact the office by **2pm the Monday prior to the Sunday** you wish to sponsor.*

Contact Diane at 717-737-0439 x 15 or deppengelc@gmail.com to reserve a date before sending in payment.

At Home Communion

If you wish for someone to come to your home and provide communion please contact

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JOIN US AS WE SAY FAREWELL

This Sunday, May 9, is Pastor Cover, Curtis, Maddie & Miles last Sunday with us. Please join us after worship as we celebrate their time at Grace. We will have cake and Bruster's ice cream!



We would like to thank Pastor Cover for her 8 ½ years of service at Grace. She has guided us spiritually through challenging terrain, enlightened us through book group, supported us through the grief group and the passing of our loved ones, married us, invited us as new people, taught our children, lifted us with her beautiful voice, introduced us to social justice, challenged our understanding, baptized us, lead us through building projects and through a world-wide pandemic. We wish her well in the next stage and journey of her life and we will forever remember her time and influence here at Grace.

Curtis, too will be missed! He has given Grace the gifts of his music, technical sound skills, and his help in a myriad of other ways. How blessed we were to have him in our midst.

We've watched Maddie and Miles grow up at Grace. We thank them for bringing extra life and energy here, and for being the only kids at the kid's sermon during the online pandemic services. Who will answer the questions at the kid's sermon's now?

We would like to leave them with a blessing and all the well wishes the world can hold.

*May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

The People of Grace.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES

Grace is seeking two individuals to virtually attend Synod Assembly Friday evening June 3, and all-day Saturday June 4. Synod Assembly is an important business meeting and decision-making event for the Lower Susquehanna Synod, a council meeting on a larger scale. One vote of significance this year, will be to change the process for electing new bishops.

If you would be willing to serve Grace as a delegate, please contact Susan Ryder ryder.susan@comcast.net or 717-574-1960.

CREATION STAIN GLASS PANEL SILENT AUCTION

Starting bid for each panel is \$ 275.00 and bids must be in increments of \$ 10.00. All proceeds will go to the Organ Fund.

You can place your bid on the sheets in the Library or by contacting the church office at 717-737-0439 Monday - Thursday 8am to 12 noon or email gelc@comcast.net.

Day 1 \$ 300; Day 2 \$ 550; Day 3 \$ 275; Day 4 \$ 750; Day 5 \$ 350; Day 6 \$ 275 & Day 7 \$ 335.

The last day to place a bid is by **9:30am Sunday, May 8.** Winners will be announced during the service.

Opportunity to be a part of the Altar Guild

Did you ever wonder who took care of making sure that the seasons of the church were represented throughout the sanctuary and on the altar? Or how the flowers showed up each week?

Well, that is the responsibility of the Altar Guild and they could use some new helpers.

Would you be willing to help out on a rotational basis cleaning up the Communion Elements on Sundays after the live stream? If so please contact Beth Jury at drjury11@gmail.com.

THE BODY OF CHRIST NEEDS EVERY BODY

Paul reminds the Corinthians that the church is one body with many interconnected and interdependent members: "If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it" (1 Corinthians 12:26). Paul had good reason to remind the Corinthians of the importance of community: The church was bitterly divided over such differences as income, social status, opinion, and practice, and they could not seem to find unity or harmony in their life together.

Paul was clear that the health, inclusion, and cooperation of every member of the body is vital for the body to function. But why - for what purpose - is the body itself important? Why does it matter whether the body "works" or not? Simply put - because it is the body of Christ. For Paul, the community's call to be the body of Christ is not only for its own sake but also for the



Want to Join Grace?

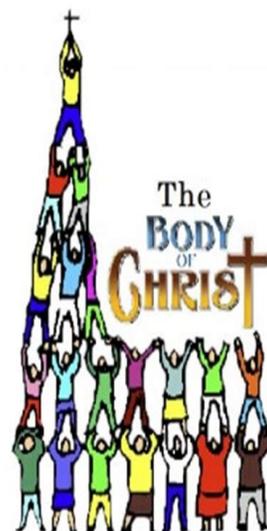
We will receive new members to Grace on **Sunday, May 15.**

If you or someone you know is interested in joining Grace please contact Pastor Evan by phone at 717-497-3742 or by email to pastorevan47@gmail.com.

You can also contact the church office Monday - Thursday 8am - 12 noon at 717-737-0439.

rest of the world: The church is sent out to embody Christ's presence so that other may come to know the gospel.

This message is excerpted from the Bible study "Turn, turn, turn: A time for faithful repentance" by Meghan Johnston Aelabouni in the November 2018 Gather magazine.



Did You Know....

May 5th - National Teacher Day. Remember all the teachers in your life. We honor school teachers, but also parents, grandparents, and other mentors in our lives

May's full Moon, called the **Flower Moon**, appears on the night of Sunday, May 15, reaching peak illumination at 12:15 A.M. (EDT) on Monday the 16th. For the best view of this full Moon, step outside on the night of the 15th and look for that big, bright, shining lunar disk! One more interesting thing about this month's full Moon: it will coincide with a **total lunar eclipse** (visible in most of North America)! [Learn more about May's full Moon here.](#)

INTERCESSORY PRAYER UPDATE

After 54 years, Joyce Allan can no longer handle all that is needed to keep the Intercessory prayer ministry going. She is looking for someone willing to take over the ministry.

Due to the COVID pandemic, the list has not been updated since January 2019.

Joyce will gladly offer her experience and thoughts to help make a successful transition. Anyone interested can contact her at home or send an email to joyce1don2@comcast.net.

"I believe in the power of prayer. I think prayer benefits the person being prayed for by knowing that others care, and it benefits the person praying as they think good thoughts for others. I hope that everyone will continue to pray for the people whose names that are printed weekly in the Grace News. God bless all of you and God bless our prayer ministry." - Joyce Allan



We hold in prayer especially this week...

Russ Weber, Barry Fenicle, Reinhard 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, Todd Galle, Diane Brokenshire, Sudy Stoll, Keith Downs, Garry Murray, Vernon Frazier and Dean Jury.

We hold in ongoing prayer...

Darlene M., Gladys Cline, Margaret Knupp, Kathryn Tuckey, Pastor Molly Haggerty, Frank Blizzard, Gerry & Sara Jane Crawford, Mary Louise Shetter, Charlie Buchanan, Joyce Allan, Sis Hoffman, Mary Lee Ryder, Jack Alfano, David Harman III, Howard Lauver, Priscilla Walter, Lesly Richards, Elijah Conroy, Susan Blumberg, 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.

From Your Music Director

This will be my last article for the newsletter. May 22 is my last Sunday and then I spend a week cleaning up the music and getting things ready for our new Musicians. God has truly blessed you with the arrival of Emily & Kristopher Hartman. They are wonderful musicians and just plain nice people! You will be taken care of in the best possible way.

Church Music Sunday is May 22. Come out and celebrate music and our musicians. Both the bell choir and vocal choir are working hard to get ready for that Sunday. They will do some pieces on their own and one together as well. This coming Sunday we are joining the two choirs for a piece bidding farewell to Pastor Cover. I want to publicly say that Pastor Cover has been a great person to work with. She always has the staff and their well being in mind. Her support of all of us has been gratifying. I will miss her! The nice thing about my retiring is that I don't intend to leave Grace. My intentions are to sing again in the choir after a little break.

These past 5 years have been rewarding. When Tim left in August 2017 you needed someone quickly. I filled that need and just stayed on! Thank you to all of you for how supportive you have been. The musicians have been wonderful to work with. We had our ups and downs with the pandemic. That really changed how I did my job but I think we managed to keep the live stream vital and inspirational.

Blessings to all of you and consider joining one of our choirs or both! We are in a rebuilding phase currently with some members having moved or died. This has left a hole and you are needed!

SOLI DEO GLORIA!

Carolyn Houck

CHURCH REPAIR & MAINTENANCE

Did you ever notice when the neighbor's car came home with a crumpled fender? You see cars every day, but the ones you really notice are those that are damaged, right. Your church is the same way. You notice when something isn't right. When it's been repaired, it's as it should be and you really don't take notice.

For example, did you notice that you no longer need to walk through six inches of standing water to enter the church office from the parking lot? Or how about the green mold growing on the Grace

Welcome awning? When was the last time you remember having to clean-up flooded water in the social hall? Or when the steeple lights weren't working? You probably remember not being able to open both the entrance doors to the sanctuary, but do you notice when the air conditioning wasn't working? I bet you do!

These are all things that require periodic maintenance so they don't become expensive repairs. You may remember talking about the church as a house, only it's a very "big" house and it needs

constant maintenance.

If we are to grow as a church, the community needs to see Grace in all it's glory. Preventative maintenance can reduce costly repairs and promote the "story" of the church. As a congregation, you can help in this endeavor by volunteering for a committee like Property Board or Altar Guild.

To quote Pastor Arthur Neal "The Harvest is Plentiful - but the Laborers are few".

Randy Hamme
Property Board

MEET OUR NEW MUSIC MINISTERS

Hello Grace,

We are very excited to have this opportunity to serve you as your new music ministers starting in June. We would like to thank you for welcoming us into your church family. We (Kristopher and Emily), and our entire family felt a sense of belonging from the very first day of stepping foot into Grace. We thank you for your kindness and support, and incorporating us into the activities here are Grace. Many of you know us from cantoring, playing trumpet, singing with the choir, and playing with the bells.

For those of you that do not know us, we wanted to give you some background information:

We met at Lebanon Valley College where we were both music education students. Kristopher graduated with a degree in Music Education with a major in Trumpet Performance, and a degree in Voice (focusing on Vocal Pedagogy and Vocal Performance). Kristopher then went on to obtain his Master's Degree in Trumpet Performance from the University of Florida. Kristopher currently works in the West Shore School District as a band director. He spends most of his days with

Crossroads Middle School, Fishing Creek Elementary School, and occasional time at Red Land High School. Kristopher enjoys camping, woodworking, grilling, and spending time with his family.

Emily graduated from LVC with a degree in Music Education with a major in Piano Studies, and a degree in Sacred Music (focusing on Religious History/Studies and Organ Performance). Emily obtained her Master's Degree in Choral Conducting (with Vocal Anatomy/Pedagogy) from Messiah University. She currently teaches at Mechanicsburg Middle school where she works with the choirs and the general music classes. Emily enjoys spending time with family, playing organ/piano, and working with the high school musical theater program. We live in the West Shore School District in Fairview Township in an old farmhouse. We have a golden retriever and a cat that are both adored very much.

We both have music ministry experience as directors and organist. We enjoy leading ensembles to reach their fullest potential and to make meaningful music for the congregation. Music is another form to express your faith and to worship. Music

can express feelings that words sometimes cannot describe. The power of music can bring us closer to each other, provide a deeper level of understanding, and offer another way to express our faith and praise.

Our combined email address is K.E.Hartman11@gmail.com. We will use this email address primarily for correspondence. Feel free to reach out at any time with questions, concerns, or thoughts. We are honored to have this opportunity, and we look forward to working for you.

Blessings,
Kristopher and Emily Hartman

Center Stage Opera

Center Stage Opera presents A Rossini/Verdi Gala at 7:30pm on Friday, May 27 at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The cost is \$10 students/ \$25 Adult. **Credit cards/ Debit cards are not accepted.**

Wonderful music from two beloved operas!

UPCOMING EVENTS



Tuesday Bible Study: Women of the Bible

Please join Vicar Susan for a 5-week study of **Women of the Bible** from **April 19 - May 17** Tuesdays at 1:00pm in-person in the conference room or 7pm via Zoom.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Zoom information or contact the church office Monday - Thursday 8am - 12:00pm at 717-737-0439.

- May 10:** Ruth & Deborah
May 17: Hagar and Mary & Martha
May 24: Herodias & Herodias and Priscilla, Phoebe, Lydia & Rhoda

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.

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

The Men of Grace meet on **the third Thursday of the month at 6:00pm via zoom**.

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

Book Club

The next book club meeting is on **Tuesday, May 31 at 7pm via Zoom**.

We will be discussing "The Hawthorne School" by Sylvie Perry.

Vicar Susan will be leading the book Please contact her vicar.susan.scott@gmail.com for log in information.



GYG Schedule

May
14-15 GYG Overnight at Nawakwa
22 Graduation Sunday
Last GYG Night

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.

This Week at Grace...

The Altar Flowers for **Sunday, May 8** are given by Carolyn Bair in memory of her husband, George, and her mother, French Kidd.

The Bulletin & Mailing Sponsorship for **Sunday, May 8** is given by Diane Brokenshire in loving memory of her mother.

The Sanctuary Lamp Sponsorship for **April** is given with love by Diane Brokenshire in honor of Pastor Cover.

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

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 available to help you get where you need to go.

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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